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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. Ralph Champlin of Bowdoinham Second Baptist Church.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, under suspension of the rules and out of order, I move at this time that an official welcome be given to our most distinguished guests.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that out of order and under suspension of the rules an official welcome be given to our distinguished guests. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the Sergeant-at-Arms to kindly go to the Speaker's office and escort all former Speakers of the House who are today present to the rostrum.

The House may be at ease.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The following former Speakers of the House were escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms: The Honorable Burleigh Martin, George D. Varney, John F. Ward, William S. Silsby, and Roswell P. Bates.

The SPEAKER: It is a particular pleasure for me, the youngest present Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, to introduce to you at this time my distinguished predecessors.

First and the oldest of the group who was able to come back with us today, the Honorable Burleigh Martin of Augusta, who served in the 88th Maine Legislature. (Applause)

Then, next in seniority, Honorable George D. Varney of Kittery, who was the Speaker in the 90th Maine Legislature. (Applause)

Then, a gentleman whom many of us see around here daily like the two predecessors, the Honorable

John F. Ward of Millinocket, Speaker of the 93rd House of Representatives. (Applause)

Then, from the honorable body at the south of this building, the Honorable William S. Silsby of Aurora, Speaker of the 95th Maine Legislature. (Applause)

The south end of the building is again represented in Honorable Roswell P. Bates, Speaker last session of the 96th Session and now on the Governor's Council. (Applause)

The next order of business before returning to welcoming our Welcome Back Day visitors is to read the Journal of yesterday.

Thereupon, the journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Mr. Jacobs of Auburn was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Today, we are celebrating the return of former past Representatives of this House, who come from all over the State of Maine to add their presence to ours in these vital times in which we live.

I have the distinct honor and the great pleasure to welcome these ladies and gentlemen back to this Welcome Back Day. I know that many of them have come a long way to be here and participate in the doings of this Legislature this afternoon, to witness what we are trying to do, to carry on the same precepts and principles that they themselves participated in in years gone by.

As the time goes on, and as the years come and go, new problems confront every legislature. In the past, these ladies and gentlemen have done their share in promoting the welfare of the State of Maine. All at that time and at the present are interested in the affairs of state, new theories, new propositions, new principles of all kinds have come before us during the past years, during our expanding program. We are taxing the people more and more to give people who are not able to take care of themselves better homes and better privileges than they have enjoyed in the past and I am sure as we progress in the business this afternoon every one

who comes back here on the return of this day, I think will enjoy these ideas we are now promulgating throughout this State. It gives me great pleasure again to welcome you all back home. (Applause)

Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. NADEAU: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have been asked to give a welcome to the old-timers from the Democratic members of this House. I am glad to see the old-timers and I hope they are glad to see me and the other Democratic members of our Legislature. I like old-timers, those who no longer sit with us, whether they are Republicans or Democrats. In fact, the more Republican old-timers we have the better I like it. (Laughter)

I am sure the old-timers are interested in the changes that have been made here especially at this end of the building. I hope they like that as well as we do. Whatever they think of the changes, I am sure they will like our record, if we all work for the best interests of our people. (Applause)

Mr. Jacobs of Auburn was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, I have the honor at this time to present to this House and the returning members and friends here one of our former members of the House who served two and a half terms while I was here and I have been here quite a number of times, the Honorable Governor of Maine, Governor Muskie. (Applause)

His Excellency, Governor Edmund S. Muskie, then addressed the House as follows: Mr. Speaker, Distinguished Former Speakers, Members of the House and Old-Timers: I must say that I feel much more comfortable at this spot in the House than I have in another spot which I have occupied in recent weeks.

I want to extend my word of welcome to these old-timers who are here about us, many of whom, I almost think most of whom I had the pleasure of serving with in my two and a half terms in this House.

I think like most of them I look back upon my service in this House as one of the most satisfying, one of the most interesting and one of the most educational experiences of my life. I have had service in public work, whether it be in government or otherwise over the past years and not one has given me more pleasure than service in this body. I think that is probably true of these other old-timers who are with me here today.

I think one of the reasons that we all look back upon our service in the House is that here in this House we truly have Maine democracy at work. I do not think I have ever served with a body or observed a body which has exhibited more independence of mind, a firmer determination to do what each member feels is right than I have observed here in this House.

I served here as a member of the minority party and yet although we inevitably held different views as to what was good for the State, I found that the members of this House were always willing to grant to the other fellow the privilege of holding a different view and the right to express it as freely and without restriction as the members of the majority of the House. That is a proud tradition of this House in the State of Maine and I am sure it is a tradition which is going to continue for many, many years.

I would like to have one word more at this point. I had not realized when I first stepped into the front office how much I would be isolated by reason of the nature and the pressure of my duties from free communication with the members of both the House and the Senate. I miss that free interplay and exchange of ideas which I used to enjoy here in the House. So I would like to take this opportunity to say to you again what I said to some of you individually, that the door of my office is open to any Member of this House or of the Senate at any time that I am not occupied talking to someone else from either branch of the House. I want you to feel free whatever your political affiliations or whether you feel you are coming in with a different opinion than mine, to come into

my office to discuss it with me if you think that I can be helpful to you in any way. I extend that invitation freely without any reservations whatsoever, and I want you to feel that it is just that.

I have talked enough. I want to again extend my welcome, such as it is, to the old-timers and express my appreciation to you who are now Members of the House for your warm-hearted greeting to us as former Members of this House. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: Thank you former Representative Muskie. The Chair would state at this time that the Governor will not be able to stay with us throughout the afternoon, and probably some of the former Speakers have said that they must leave. When the time comes, if they will just feel free to go out, we will state now we are glad you could be with us and we are sorry that you cannot be with us the whole afternoon.

The Chair would also state that several letters of regret from former Speakers have been received. Robert Hale, our present Congressman from the First District, George Hill, now living in Pennsylvania, Donald W. Philbrick of Portland, F. Ardine Richardson of Strong, and George B. Barnes of Houlton. Also somewhat unusual, the Chair has taken the liberty of sending a telegram last night to a former Governor of the State of Maine, a Member of this House of Representatives, the Honorable Carl E. Milliken, now living in Larchmont, New York. The telegram read as follows: "We are sorry you cannot be present for our Welcome Back Day session, particularly since this is the 50th anniversary of your first term in the Maine House of Representatives." George Milliken does have a son-in-law in the present 97th Session.

(Off record remarks by the Speaker)

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

Papers from the Senate

A paper from the Senate not on the Advance Journal.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 29, 1955. (S. P. 507)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this Order be passed in concurrence?

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, I did not get the time that we were to meet on next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that if no time is specified, the rules provide for ten o'clock in the morning.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, arise?

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, to clarify the time Thursday and Friday. I understood the Speaker at first to say that we would have sessions Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon and afterwards, I understood that it was to be hearings Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon.

The SPEAKER: The Chair thanks the gentleman for the correction, Thursday and Friday afternoon sessions.

Thereupon, the Order received passage in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Restoring Violations of the Liquor Law to the Operation of the Criminal Law" (S. P. 490) (L. D. 1370)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the Sergeant-at-Arms to kindly go to the rear of the House and escort the Honorable Clyde Chapman, former Clerk of the House, to sit on the rostrum with the present Clerk of the House.

The House may be at ease.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The Honorable Clyde Chapman was then escorted to the rostrum.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that the Honorable Mr. Chapman is the only living ex-Clerk of the House. (Applause)

Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Instruction in Use of Firearms in Public Schools and Appropriation Therefor" (S. P. 91) (L. D. 222) 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 Agriculture reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Marking Certain Sardine Cans for Contents" (S. P. 387) (L. D. 1101)

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Rules and Regulations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (S. P. 180) (L. D. 432)

Report of the Committee on Public Health reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Temporary License for Osteopathic Physicians" (S. P. 270) (L. D. 701)

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Nonresident Owned Semi-Trailers" (S. P. 385) (L. D. 1081)

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 assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture Re Sardine Canning Inspection Law" (S. P. 386) (L. D. 1182) 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.

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. 386, L. D. 1182, Bill "An Act relating to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture Re Sardine Canning Inspection Law."

Amend said bill by striking out the second sentence of the first underlined paragraph of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

'He shall make uniform rules and regulations, which shall have the effect of law, for carrying out the provisions of said sections and for insuring sardines are packed in a sanitary environment and manner and for the sanitary storage and condition of packing media and may fix standards of quality in addition to standards fixed by law; and he shall authorize the persons packing sardines in conformity with the requirements of said sections to mark the container of said sardines with a statement certifying that the food contained therein was packed, inspected and passed under the provisions of sections 216 to 228, inclusive.'

Further amend said bill by striking out in section 4 the underlined word "inspector" in line 1 of paragraph 1, line 6 of paragraph 1, line 1 of paragraph 2, and line 16 of paragraph 3, and inserting in place thereof in each instance the underlined words

'duly authorized agent of the Commissioner'; and by striking out the underlined word "inspectors" in line 5 of paragraph 3 and inserting in place thereof the underlined words **'duly authorized agents'.**

Further amend said bill by striking out the last sentence of paragraph 1 of section 10 and inserting in its place the following underlined sentence:

'The Board shall meet with the Commissioner at regular intervals to be determined by it, and oftener if called by the Commissioner, who shall also call a meeting of the Board on written request of three members.'

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications of Applicants for Registration as Licensed Physicians or Surgeons" (S. P. 64) (L. D. 177) 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.

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. 64, L. D. 177, Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications of Applicants for Registration as Licensed Physicians or Surgeons."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the 4th line after the underlined words "United States" the underlined words 'or Canada'

Further amend said Bill by inserting in the 7th line of Section 2 after the underlined words "United States" the underlined words 'or Canada'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

'Sec. 4. R. S., c. 66, § 4-A, additional. Chapter 66 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 4-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 4-A. Physicians in state hospitals; temporary registrations. In the case of physicians assigned to junior positions in state hospitals, caring for tubercular and mental patients, the requirements of sections 3 and 4 may be waived by the Board and temporary registration may be granted, limited to practice in state institutions under the Department of Institutional Service, for periods of 1 year, which may be renewed, to non-citizens who are graduates of foreign schools, upon recommendations of the superintendents of such institutions and under such regulations as the Board may establish with the approval of a Justice of the Superior Court.'

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Revise Certain Election Laws" (S. P. 94) (L. D. 225) 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.

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. 94, L. D. 225, Bill "An Act to Revise Certain Election Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the last sentence of "Sec. 1." the following underlined sentence:

'Any candidate who expends less than \$100 is not required to itemize the return as required by this section and section 38.'

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Destruction of County Records" (S. P. 155) (L. D. 349) 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.

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. 155, L. D. 349, Bill "An Act relating to Destruction of County Records."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "attorney" in the 8th line thereof the following underlined punctuation and words 'the executive committee of the county bar association'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill

assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Providing for Reappointment of Active Retired Justices" (S. P. 157) (L. D. 351) 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.

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. 157, L. D. 351, Bill "An Act Providing for Reappointment of Active Retired Justices."

Amend said bill by inserting after the title thereof an emergency preamble to read as follows:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, the dockets of the courts of the State of Maine are congested; and

Whereas, it is necessary that all pending litigation may be administered and acted upon in an orderly, efficient and prompt manner; and

Whereas, the following legislation is wholly necessary to aid in adjudicating pending legislation for the benefit of the litigants; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Further amend said bill by adding at the end thereof an emergency clause to read as follows:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.'

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Declaring Lawful Certain Rules and Regulations Promulgated by State Departments" (S. P. 289) (L. D. 800) 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.

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. 289, L. D. 800, Bill "An Act Declaring Lawful Certain Rules and Regulations Promulgated by State Departments."

Amend said bill by striking out in the 3rd paragraph of the emergency preamble the word "validity" and inserting in place thereof the words 'legal existence'

Further amend said bill by adding after the underlined word "State" in the 6th line of said bill after the enacting clause the underlined words 'as authorized'

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Tax Bonds" (S. P. 346) (L. D. 955) 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.

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. 346, L. D. 955, Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Tax Bonds."

Amend said bill by inserting after the underlined word "due" in the 10th line thereof the underlined words 'and to become due'

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

Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Council Members of City of Portland" (S. P. 97) (L. D. 228)

reporting "O u g h t t o p a s s" 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.

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

(On motion of Mr. McGlaulin of Portland, the Bill with accompanying papers was tabled pending first reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 30.)

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Continuous Credit for Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 275) (L. D. 705) 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.

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. 275, L. D. 705, Bill "An Act relating to Continuous Credit for Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles."

Amend said Bill by striking out the 16th, 17th and 18th lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'may now be required to pay; provided, however, that only one such credit shall be allowed in any one calendar year. No portion of any excise tax once paid shall be repaid to any person; and from by reason of the transfer of vehicles or discontinuance of the use of a vehicle. From'

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

At this point, His Excellency, Governor Edmund S. Muskie, retired from the Hall amid the applause of the House.

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.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, it was

ORDERED, that a list of registrations of former members of the House of Representatives be made a part of "Appendix A" of the Journal of the House and also be made a part of the record of the proceedings of the House today.

In accordance with House Order passed March 24, 1955, the following is the list of:

Former members of the House of Representatives registered for "Welcome Back" Day

His Excellency, Governor Edmund S. Muskie — Augusta — 93rd, 94th, 95th

Albee, Earle W. — Portland — 94th, 95th, 96th

Ames, Robie F. — Northport — 92nd, 93rd

Atwood, Edward W. — Cape Elizabeth — 81st, 82nd

Bailey, Frank R. — Woolwich — 95th, 96th

Baldic, Arthur G. — Waterville — 96th

Bates, Dr. Roswell P. — Orono — 94th, 95th, 96th

Batchelder, Sidney R. — Kezar Falls — 88th, 89th

Blanchard, George V. — Presque Isle — 84th, 85th

Blanchard, John F. — Wilton — 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th

Bell, Roy R. — Thomaston — 92nd, 93rd

Berry, Albert C. — Portland — 94th, 95th, 96th

Berry, Lewis C. — Livermore — 91st, 92nd

Bisbee, D. E. — Damariscotta — 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th

Boothby, R. H. — Livermore — 94th, 95th

Boston, Philip R. — North Berwick — 96th

Bowker, Dana — Portland — 91st, 92nd, 93rd

Boucher, Jean Charles — Lewiston — 87th, 88th

Boulter, Harold M. — Stacyville — 92nd, 93rd, 94th

Bove, Augustus — Naples — 83rd, 93rd

- Boyker, Henry W. — Bethel — 91st, 92nd
 Bradeen, Raymond H. — Waterboro — 95th
 Bragdon, Roger S. — Wells — 87th, 88th
 Brown, E. Earle — Bangor — 90th, 91st, 96th
 Burns, Michael C. — Eagle Lake — 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th
 Burrill, Frank E. — Lisbon — 87th
 Buzzell, Francis G. — Fryeburg — 91st
 Cannellan, James A. — Portland — 92nd
 Campbell, F. Raymond — Garland — 93rd, 94th
 Campbell, Joseph B. — Augusta — 94th
 Carpenter, Frank S. — Augusta — 92nd, 93rd
 Carpenter, Miles F. — Skowhegan — 92nd
 Carroll, Lawrence M. — Norway — 80th
 Carleton, Daniel — Alna — 87th, 88th
 Carter, John H. — Bethel — 94th, 95th
 Carville, C. Stanton — Augusta — 92nd, 93rd, 94th
 Chapman, Philip F. Jr. — Portland — 94th
 Chase, Clarence P. — Belgrade — 95th
 Chase, Norman S. — North Whitefield — 95th, 96th
 Chute, Philip A. — Harrison — 94th
 Clements, Charles C. — Winterport — 92nd
 Clements, George L. — Belfast — 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th
 Cobb, Evan C. — Lee — 94th, 95th
 Cole, Archie D. — West Gardiner — 82nd, 87th, 92nd
 Cole, William — Liberty — 94th, 95th, 96th
 Collins, Samuel W. — Caribou — 92nd, 93rd
 Comins, J. Herbut — Eddington — 82nd, 83rd, 84th
 Conant, Alonzo — Auburn — 90th
 Crabtree, Paul L. — Island Falls — 95th, 96th
 Crowley, Harry G. — Lewiston — 86th
 Cushing, Luther G. — Freeport — 88th, 89th
 Davis, Earl W. — Harrison — 95th, 96th
 DeBeck, Emery M. — Holden — 89th, 95th, 96th
 Dean, Charles R. — South Portland — 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd
 Dennis, Ray Jr. — Litchfield — 96th
 Dolloff, Orin P. — Standish — 89th
 Doughty, John T. — Gray — 90th, 91st
 Dowr, Robert B. — Norway — 88th, 89th
 Downing, Eleanor T. — No. Kennebunkport — 96th
 Dunham, Lloyd T. — Ellsworth — 95th, 96th
 Eastman, Andrew J. — Norway — 94th
 Eastman, John M. — Gardiner — 76th
 Ela, Arthur E. — North Anson — 91st, 92nd
 Elliott, Ross — Corinth — 92nd, 93rd
 Emerson, Jerome A. — Corinna — 95th, 96th
 Estabrook, Colby — Stacyville — 90th, 91st
 Faas, John J. — Benton Station — 94th
 Fadden, Edgar F. — Hiram — 88th
 Farley, Peter J. — Biddeford — 94th, 95th
 Farris, Ralph W. — Portland — 84th, 85th, 86th
 Fenn, Converse G. — Bath — 95th
 Fitch, George E. — East Sebago — 93rd, 94th
 Fogg, Irving — Madison — 95th, 96th
 Fowler, Burt F. — Augusta — 93rd
 Fuller, Carleton S. — Buckfield — 93rd, 94th
 Gallant, Ernest E. — Shapleigh — 93rd
 Gauthier, Roland A. — Sanford — 94th
 Gerrish, Herman S. — Old Orchard Beach — 94th, 95th
 Gilman, William P. — Portland — 95th, 96th
 Goldsmith, A. L. — Orono — 90th, 91st
 Gosline, Arthur N. — Gardiner — 95th, 96th
 Gowell, Edw. F. — Berwick — 68th, 95th, 96th
 Gowell, Roger L. — Portland — 92nd
 Gray, Preston — Orrington — 93rd, 94th
 Graves, Rae D. — Northeast Harbor — 85th, 86th, 87th
 Grua, George R. — Livermore Falls — 89th, 90th, 91st

- Hand, Lynwood — New Limerick — 95th, 96th
 Hanold Harold N. — Standish — 89th, 90th
 Hammond, George M. — Albion — 93rd
 Hall, Ralph C. — East Dixfield — 89th, 90th
 Harding, Frank F. — Rockland — 95th
 Harris, Marvin L. — Chelsea — 93rd
 Haskell, Orville V. — Windham — 87th, 88th
 Haskell, R. N. — Bangor — 92nd
 Hatch, Mrs. Edith V. — West Minot — 93rd
 Hayward, John P. Jr. — Machias — 92nd, 93rd, 94th
 Hemphill, S. H. — Mechanic Falls — 91st, 92nd
 Hobbs, Everett N. — Hope — 85th, 86th, 87th
 Holman, C. H. — Dixfield — 89th, 90th
 Howes, J. H. — Litchfield — 88th, 89th
 Hussey, Leroy F. — Augusta — 85th, 86th
 Jack, L. A. — Lisbon Falls — 84th, 85th
 Jalbert, Louis — Lewiston — 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th
 Jamieson, Chas. A. — Presque Isle — 94th, 95th
 Jewett, Donald C. — Pittston — 92nd
 Johnson, Ervin R. — Gardiner — 94th
 Keay, Harold L. — Albion — 96th
 Keene, Carroll W. — Clinton — 95th
 Keene, Wesley M. — Clinton — 89th
 Kelly, William S. — Rumford — 93rd, 94th, 95th
 Knight, Guy F. — Jay — 91st, 92nd
 Labbe, Louis A. — Brunswick — 93rd, 94th
 Lacharite, Bertrand A. — Brunswick — 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th
 Larrabee, Benjamin T. — Westbrook — 94th, 95th, 96th
 Larrabee, Joseph W. — West Bath — 88th, 89th
 Lenfest, Edgar M. — Manchester — 78th, 83rd
 Lord, George C. — Wells — 81st, 82nd, 83rd
 Lord, Hazel C. — Portland — 92nd, 96th
 Low, Seth — Rockland — 95th, 96th
 Macomber, John H. — Jay — 95th, 96th
 March, Richard C. — Bridgton — 95th
 Marsans, Romie L. — Monmouth — 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th
 Marshall, John C. — Auburn — 89th
 Martin, Burleigh — Augusta — 81st, 82nd, 83rd
 Martin, Robert — Augusta — 94th, 95th, 96th
 McGown, M. W. — Carmel — 93rd, 94th
 McIntire, Glenn R. — Brunswick (formerly Norway) — 83rd
 McKnight, Leon A. — Poland — 83rd, 84th
 Mercier, A. Joffre — Rumford — 89th, 90th
 Merrill, Leslie G. — Stetson — 88th, 94th
 Moreau, Raymond A. — Westbrook — 93rd
 Morison, Elford H. — Wilton — 93rd
 Nowell, Gerald G. — Hermon — 95th
 O'Dell, John M. — Eastport — 94th, 95th, 96th
 Osgood, Hamlin C. — Bradford — 91st, 92nd
 Parker, Clarence W. — Sebec — 94th, 95th
 Patterson, Levi T. — Freeport — 84th, 85th, 87th, 90th, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th
 Payson, Curtis M. — Union — 93rd, 94th
 Peacock, Carroll B. — Lubec — 85th, 86th
 Peaslee, Dr. Edward W. — Augusta — 80th
 Philbrook, Frank W. — Greene — 75th
 Pierce, Leonard A. — Portland — 77th
 Plummer, Albert W. — Lisbon Falls — 75th, 76th, 77th
 Plummer, Percy F. — Lisbon — 88th, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th
 Pratt, James R. — Windham — 93rd
 Prout, Sherwood W. — Lubec — 92nd, 93rd
 Ricker, William J. — Turner — 94th, 95th
 Riley, Willard E. — Livermore Falls — 96th
 Robbins, Dorothy Pelts — Harrison — 90th

- Robinson, Clarence H. — Peru — 89th
- Robinson, Joseph C. Jr. — St. George — 96th
- Rollins, Harry I. — Belfast — 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 95th
- Sanborn, J. O. — West Baldwin — 85th, 86th, 91st, 92nd
- Sanborn, Leon M. — Gorham — 94th, 95th
- Savage, Charles K. — Northeast Harbor — 91st, 92nd
- Seeger, Lucius D. — Kittery — 90th, 91st, 93rd
- Sennett, Millard — Albion — 87th
- Senter, Alfred M. — Brunswick — 95th, 96th
- Silsby, William S. — Aurora — 93rd, 94th, 95th
- Sinclair, Roy U. — Pittsfield — 95th
- Slosberg, Samuel H. — Gardiner — 89th, 90th
- Smith, Clyde L. — Exeter — 93rd
- Smith, Howard C. — Orono — 86th
- Smith, Keith N. — Corinna — 91st, 92nd
- Soper, Lewman B. — Newport — 85th, 86th
- Sprague, O. L. — Corinna — 73rd
- Steeves, Louise E. — Lincoln — 96th
- Stewart, Paul K. — Portland — 96th
- Sweet, J. Manley — Holden — 85th
- Tabb, Foster F. — Gardiner — 93rd
- Tondreau, Louis R. — Brunswick — 96th
- Torrey, Leo G. — Poland — 93rd
- Travis, Robert L. — Westbrook — 95th, 96th
- Tuttle, Lauren H. — Pownal — 91st, 96th
- Varney, George D. — Kittery — 85th, 88th, 89th, 90th
- Walker, Louis A. — Rockland — 86th
- Wallace, Percy M. — Portland — 95th
- Ward, John F. — Millinocket — 91st, 92nd, 93rd
- Watson, Frederick D. — Moose River — 95th, 96th
- Welch, Harley D. — Chapman — 89th, 90th
- White, Edward L. — Bowdoinham — 81st, 82nd
- Wight, Lon E. — Newry — 80th, 84th
- Wiley, John — Falmouth Foreside — 87th, 88th
- Williams, Gerard S. — Farmington — 89th, 90th
- Williams, R. Leon — Clifton — 90th, 92nd
- Williams, Roger E. — Topsham — 90th, 91st, 92nd
- Wing, Earl L. — Kingfield — 82nd, 83rd, 84th
- Winslow, Chester T. — Raymond — 81st
- Winslow, F. F. — Freeport — 83rd
- Wood, Frank — Webster — 92nd, 95th
- Woodbury, Paul L. — New Gloucester — 93rd
- Woodcock, Allan Jr. — Bangor — 95th, 96th
- Woodworth, Paul L. — Fairfield — 93rd, 94th, 95th
- Worthen, Harold W. — Bangor — 85th, 87th
- Wyman, Edgar H. — Benton — 88th
- Wyman, Ernest — Sidney — 83rd
- Former Officers of the House of Representatives registered for "Welcome Back" Day**
- Chapman, Clyde R. — Belfast — Clerk of the House, 79th to 85th Incl.
- Wing, Earl L. — Kingfield — Asst. Clerk of the House, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th
- Humphrey, Roy S. — Augusta — Asst. Clerk of the House, 91st, 92nd, 93rd
- Lancer, Ervin E. J. — Augusta — House Reporter, 89th, 90th, 91st
- Carey, John C. — West Gardiner — Sgt. at Arms, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th
- Butts, Ruth — Augusta — Secretary to Clerk of House, 96th
- McWethy, Mrs. Wilson H. — Augusta — Asst. Legislative Docket Clerk, 92nd
- Whalen, Mary F. — Augusta — Asst. Legislative Docket Clerk, 94th
- Libby, Mrs. Bernice N. — Augusta — Public Address Operator, 95th, 96th
- Chick, George H. — Monmouth — Page, 78th, 79th, 80th, 84th
- Crocker, Robert M. — Augusta — Page, 89th
- (Off Record Remarks by the Speaker)
- The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are in the balcony of the House thirty-eight students from the Brooklin Junior and

Senior High Schools accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Libby and Mrs. McCarthy.

To them, the Chair extends on behalf of the House a hearty and cordial welcome and hopes that some of you will in the years ahead be joining us in Welcome Back Day ceremonies. (Applause)

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Jack from the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Leonard and Alta M. Mitchell, Owners, of Palmyra and the Merchant's National Bank, Mortgages, of Bangor for Damages to Real Estate (H. P. 577) (L. D. 637) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Earles from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Two Senators from Counties with Less Than Sixty Thousand Inhabitants (H. P. 991) (L. D. 1139)

Mr. Hancock from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing Ray Philbrick of Caribou to Sue State of Maine (H. P. 833) (L. D. 924)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Establishing Robert W. Traip Academy" (H. P. 785) (L. D. 868)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Alden from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Stetson for Aid Extended to Carlton Johnson (H. P. 809) (L. D. 846)

Mr. Anderson from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Lionel E. St. Pierre of Farmingdale (H. P. 52)

Mr. Getchell from same Committee reported same on Resolve to Reimburse Ralph W. McKay of Bucksport (H. P. 578) (L. D. 638)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Getchell from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Fran-

cis Qualey of Benedicta (H. P. 703) (L. D. 771)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Storm of Sherman, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 31.)

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Briggs from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Age of Inland Fisheries and Game Wardens" (H. P. 894) (L. D. 1002)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham, the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 31.)

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Briggs from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Portage Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 903) (L. D. 1011)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Cook of Portage Lake, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 5.)

Mr. Dudley from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Crop and Orchard Damage by Deer" (H. P. 899) (L. D. 1007)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Fish-er" (H. P. 986) (L. D. 1134)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Gardner from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Lowering Dam at Sheepscot Pond, Waldo County (H. P. 900) (L. D. 1008)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Bernier of Winterville, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of

the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 31.)

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Potter from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Waters Between Fish Lake and Round Pond, Aroostook County (H. P. 904) (L. D. 1012) Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Cook of Portage Lake, the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 1)

Mr. Ross from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Black Bear in Oxford County." (H. P. 984) (L. D. 1132)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Finemore from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing for Permits to Operate Vehicles on Part of Route 16 with Extra Weight When Loaded with Pulpwood, Logs or Bolts" (H. P. 725) (L. D. 789)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Ferguson of Hanover, the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 7.)

Mr. Jacques from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Registration of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 240) (L. D. 219)

Mr. Palmeter from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Overtaking and Passing School Buses and Lights Thereon" (H. P. 404) (L. D. 419)

Mr. Totman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Motor Vehicles Operated by Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries" (H. P. 126) (L. D. 129) which was recommitted, as it is covered by other legislation.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An

Act relating to Inspection of Certain Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 859) (L. D. 945)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Potter from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Otter and Fisher" (H. P. 425) (L. D. 471) reported same in a new draft H. P. 1161) (L. D. 1387) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Skolfield from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Moscow Water District" (H. P. 716) (L. D. 784) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1162) (L. D. 1388) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Cote from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Ronald A. Faulkinham of Belfast (H. P. 519) (L. D. 582)

Report was read and accepted, the Resolve read once and assigned the next legislative day.

Ordered Printed

Mr. Courtois from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse Alexander Belanger of Lewiston for Damages by State Ward (H. P. 582)

Report was read and accepted.

Thereupon, the Resolve was ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Ordered Printed

Mr. Courtois from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Fred Kinner of Lewiston (H. P. 583)

Report was read and accepted.

The Resolve was then ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Getchell from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Alvah T.

Leighton of New Gloucester (H. P. 466) (L. D. 511)

Report was read and accepted, the Resolve read once and assigned the next legislative day.

Ordered Printed

Mr. Jack from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Amy M. Meister of Otisfield (H. P. 341)

Report was read and accepted.

The Resolve was then ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Dudley from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Prohibiting Use of Fish as Bait in Certain Lakes in Aroostook County (H. P. 782) (L. D. 865)

Mr. Harnden from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Minnows for Bait" (H. P. 534) (L. D. 591)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Tunk Lake, Hancock County (H. P. 779) (L. D. 862)

Mr. Potter from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in West Lake in Hancock County (H. P. 780) (L. D. 863)

Mr. Cyr from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment and Duties of Trustees of Presque Isle Sewer District" (H. P. 378) (L. D. 413)

Mr. Palmeto from the Committee on Transportation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Instruction Permits to Drive Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 614) (L. D. 662)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice, Resolves read once, and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Potter from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Permitting Hunting with Bow and Arrow in Waldo County" (H. P. 895) (L. D. 1003) 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. 895, L. D. 1003, Bill "An Act Permitting Hunting with Bow and Arrow in Waldo County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the 6th and 7th lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'of Waldo county, beginning on the 1st Monday of October for a period of 15 days including such 1st Monday and ending the 2nd Saturday thereafter, both days inclusive, for the purpose of hunting deer'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Browne from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Dumping Rubbish and Bottles on Highways from Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 669) (L. D. 745) 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. 669, L. D. 745, Bill "An Act relating to Dumping Rubbish and Bottles on Highways from Motor Vehicles."

Amend said Bill by striking out, in the 10th line of section 1, the underlined word "presumed" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'prima facie evidence'

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 8th line of section 2, the underlined word "presumed" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'prima facie evidence'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Haughn from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Mexico Sewer District" (H. P. 500) (L. D. 551) 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. 500, L. D. 551, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Mexico Sewer District."

Amend said bill by striking out in the last sentence of Sec. 5 the word "hereinbefore" and inserting in place thereof the word 'hereinafter'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Mr. Willey from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Airports from Taxation" (H. P. 122) (L. D. 125) 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. 122, L. D. 125, Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption of Airports from Taxation."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th lines from the end thereof and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words:

'provided, however, that any structures or land contained within such airport not used for airport or aeronautical purposes shall not be entitled to this exemption; and provided further that any public municipal corporation which is required to pay taxes to another such corporation under this subsection with respect to any airport or landing field shall be reimbursed by the county wherein the airport is situated.'

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Willey.

Mr. WILLEY: Mr. Speaker, this particular bill, L. D. 125, is an emergency measure and it will be absolutely useless for assessing taxes for the year 1955 unless it is enacted and signed by the Governor before the first day of April.

I therefore move that the rules be suspended and this bill be given its third reading at this time.

Committee Amendment "A" was then adopted.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Willey of Ellsworth, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Allen from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Sheriffs, Police and Fire Officials" (H. P. 83) (L. D. 80) which was recommitted, reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted.

(On motion of Mr. Allen of Chelsea, the Bill with accompanying papers was tabled pending first reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 30.)

Mr. Allen from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration" (H. P. 615) (L. D. 623) 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. 615, L. D. 623, Bill "An Act relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration"

Amend section 10 of said bill by striking out the word, "number," in the headline and inserting in place thereof the word, 'registration.'

Further amend said section by indicating the striking out of the word, "number" by drawing a line through said word, 'number' wherever it appears in said section after the word, "temporary" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word, 'registration'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for

third reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committees on Highways and Taxation jointly reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Thirty Million Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways" (H. P. 626) (L. D. 666)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. LOW of Knox

PARKER of Piscataquis

JAMIESON of Aroostook

COLE of Waldo

CUMMINGS of Sagadahoc

ALBEE of Cumberland

— of the Senate.

FERGUSON of Hanover

SANFORD of

Dover-Foxcroft

SEAWARD of Kittery

HANSON of Gardiner

PULLEN of Oakland

CARTER of Etna

DENBOW of Lubec

WILLEY of Ellsworth

HIGGINS of Scarborough

DUNN of Poland

REED of Fort Fairfield

— of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committees on the same Bill reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. NADEAU of Biddeford

DUQUETTE of Biddeford

WALSH of Brunswick

— of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford the two Reports with accompanying papers were tabled pending the acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 31.)

Passed to Be Engrossed

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

Bill "An Act relating to Age of Commitment to State School for Boys" (H. P. 643) (L. D. 720)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Maine Oil and Heating Equipment Dealers' Association" (H. P. 913) (L. D. 1021)

Resolve Requesting Judicial Council to Study Problem of Common Law Pleading and Procedure (H. P. 989) (L. D. 1137)

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 Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Definitions and Administration of Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Laws" (S. P. 95) (L. D. 226)

Bill "An Act relating to the Reporting of Decisions" (H. P. 826) (L. D. 918)

Resolve Authorizing Arthur W. Bushey of Waterville, John Tibbetts, Archie Leeman and Oscar Bradstreet, all of Palermo, to Sue the State of Maine (H. P. 914) (L. D. 1022)

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.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Roberts, to inquire for what purpose the gentleman arises?

Mr. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of introducing a bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman to kindly defer until after the tabled matters on the calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first item of unfinished business, House Report, "Ought not to pass," of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Operating After Suspension of License to Operate Motor Vehicle," House Paper 598, Legislative Document 654, tabled on the 15th day of March by the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross,

pending acceptance, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker: This bill is not only the recommendation of the Maine State Police, but they consider it one of the most important of their suggested legislations. It concerns the most important penalty under the Maine Motor Vehicle Code, the suspension of licenses. A person convicted of a violation does not worry about the fine, but they certainly do worry about losing their license to drive a vehicle, and consequently now, many persons who have had their licenses taken away still drive their car because they do not feel that the courts can do anything more to them except fine them a few dollars. This bill provides for an automatic addition to suspension if they are convicted of a violation while their license was under suspension. It complies with the uniform Motor Vehicle Code, except that it does not go quite as far as that because the Uniform Motor Vehicle Code also provides a mandatory two or three day jail sentence.

I believe that this is sound legislation. Nevertheless, in our State the various lawyers and judges hesitate to approve any penalties that are mandatory regardless of any extenuating circumstances. I contacted the State Police last Friday and talked with them at some length, and they agreed after consultation with the Secretary of State, who now has the privilege of adding to the suspension although, of course, it is not mandatory, but they agreed that they would go along, that only after the unanimous report of this particular Committee which is made up of ten most competent lawyers. If conditions do not improve within the next few years, I am confident that a similar matter will be presented again, but for the time being for the reasons outlined, I now move the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, moves that the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Operating After Suspension of License to Operate Motor Vehicle," House Paper 598, Legislative Docu-

ment 654, be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second item of unfinished business, Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspections," Senate Paper 235, Legislative Document 571, tabled on the 17th day of March by the gentleman from Searsmont, Mr. Knight, pending third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. KNIGHT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have been in conference with the sponsor of this bill, the Honorable Senator Cummings, and we mutually agree that more time is needed as to introducing a further amendment. I would therefore respectfully request that this measure be tabled until Thursday, March 31.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Searsmont, Mr. Knight, moves that this Bill be retabled pending third reading and be specially assigned for Thursday, March 31. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the third item of unfinished business, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of Citizenship of the Governor, House Paper 432, Legislative Document 478, tabled on March 22 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, pending motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, to indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A". The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, that House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As I stated the other day, I tabled this measure for the purpose of putting on

an amendment. It seemed we were running into an academic question of whether ten years was a sufficient number of years or twenty years was a sufficient number. It seemed that a compromise was in the offing, and that is what I intended to do, if the motion of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, prevails to indefinitely postpone the motion which is before us. Therefore, I hope that we will go along with the motion of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie. I would offer at that time my amendment which will be a fifteen year period.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, that House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed from further consideration. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Childs of Portland then offered House Amendment "B" to House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 432, L. D. 478, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of Citizenship of the Governor.

Amend said Amendment by striking out from the last line the underlined figure "10" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "15".

House Amendment "B" to House Amendment "A" was then adopted.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "B" thereto was adopted.

The Resolve was then given its second reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "B" thereto and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth item of unfinished business, House Order relative to Special Calendar

by Members of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, tabled on March 22 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, pending passage, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As I stated the other day I tabled this matter for the purpose of putting on an amendment. The Order serves a very good purpose, but without any doubt, the way the Order was worded, meant that seven members of the Appropriations Committee kept complete control of bills of other Members of the House. It did seem rather too bad that a sponsor of a bill who had closely watched the bill all through legislative process and then have the bill grabbed from him and held on the table and be in the position that any one of seven men could take it off the table. I feel quite sure that it would not happen, but the authority was still there.

I have an amendment which I am going to offer which would change it so that the only person who can take this bill off the table will be the House Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, therefore sponsors of the bills will have to go to only one person to see what the status of their bill is instead of seven. I therefore offer House Amendment "A" to the House Order relative to Special Calendar by Members of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, offers House Amendment "A" to the House Order 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 House Order relative to Special Calendar by Members of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Amend said Order by striking out from the last line of the first paragraph the words "a member" and inserting in place thereof the words "the House Chairman".

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

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this order pending acceptance of the amendment until next Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, moves that the House Order lie on the table pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and be specially assigned for Wednesday next, March 30. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fifth item of unfinished business, Resolve Providing Review of Shellfish and Marine Worm Laws, House Paper 505, Legislative Document 542, tabled on the 22nd day of March by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, pending second reading.

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

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker: I see I have been denied the opportunity of placing this on the special calendar, but I move it be tabled, again, because it carries an appropriation.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, moves that the Resolve lie on the table pending second reading and be unassigned. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve was so tabled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Kathleen Whitehouse of Weeks Mills, House Paper 215, tabled on the 17th day of March by the gentleman from China, Mr. Fuller, pending acceptance, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker: I would like a little more time on this item. Therefore, I move that this Resolve be tabled and assigned to Friday, April 1.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from China, Mr. Fuller, moves

that the first tabled and today assigned matter lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for Friday, April 1. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Report, "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John Upham of Thomaston, House Paper 324, tabled on the 17th day of March by the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, pending acceptance, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, I move that we accept the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, moves that the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair would like to announce receipt of certain communications.

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AUGUSTA

March 23, 1955

Honorable Willis A. Trafton, Jr.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
97th Legislature

Dear Sir:

For your consideration and with the approval of the Members of the House, I herewith submit my resignation from the Committee on Correctional Institutions to become effective upon acceptance by the House.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Jackson Reynolds

Is it the pleasure of the House that this resignation be accepted?

Thereupon, the House voted to accept the resignation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to announce the appointment at this time of the gentleman from Mt. Desert, Mr. Reynolds, to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Also, the Chair would like to call the attention of the membership of the House to the receipt of a Senate Joint Resolution from the State of South Dakota, 34th Legislative Session, pertaining to calling a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve Granting a Pension to Katharine M. Rolfe of Bridgton, House Paper 388, tabled on the 17th day of March by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending acceptance and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, having received a little information on this Resolve, having discussed it with the Senate and House Chairmen of this Committee, I now ask that this be recommitted back to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that the Resolve and accompanying papers be recommitted to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Victor James of Princeton, House Paper 241, Legislative Document 295, tabled on the 17th day of March by the gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, pending acceptance, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I move this be recommitted to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Brown, moves that the Resolve with accompanying papers be recommitted to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Esther Gentner of Thomaston, House Paper 325, tabled on March 22 by the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, pending acceptance, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker: I need a little more time on this special resolve and I request permission to have it retabled to Friday, April 1.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, moves that the fifth tabled and today assigned matter be retabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 1. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Fifty-five and Nineteen Hundred Fifty-six, House Paper 1154, Legislative Document 1368, tabled on the 23rd day of March by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, pending second reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I asked that this be tabled yesterday in order that it might be amended with reference to Androscoggin County.

Such an amendment has been prepared as House Amendment "B". I understand there is another amendment ahead of it. The amendment has to do with the changing of the figures after the word Androscoggin and inserting other figures.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman offer House Amendment "B" and move its adoption?

Mr. WADE: I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, offers House Amendment "B" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "B".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 1154, L. D. 1368, Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Fifty-five and Nineteen Hundred Fifty-six.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the figure "225,824.89" in the 1955 column, after the word Androscoggin and inserting in place thereof the figure '237,534.89'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out the figure "212,441.04" in the 1956 column, after the word Androscoggin and inserting in place thereof the figure '224,151.04'

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that House Amendment "B" be adopted?

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

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker, I move that this item be retabled with the amendment pending study of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman care to assign a date for the matter to be tabled to?

The Chair will point out to the gentleman the fact that this resolve is supposed to be passed to enable county taxes to be assessed as of April 1st.

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker, I will table it until next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, moves that this Resolve lie on the table pending adoption of House Amendment "B" and be specially assigned for Tuesday next, March 29. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if there is anyone at this time who wishes to take up any matter tabled and unassigned?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Benton, Mr. Woodworth.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodworth was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: At the annual town meeting in the Town of Benton by unanimous vote I was asked to introduce a bill to form a school district in that town. I now present that bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Benton, Mr. Woodworth, requests unanimous consent to introduce a bill, notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Benton School District".

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this bill notwithstanding the provisions of the cloture order?

The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

Thereupon, on motion of the same gentleman the Bill (H. P. 1163) was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Roberts.

Mr. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to ask unanimous consent to present a bill and I will give you my reasons. All of you know I was absent from—

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman request unanimous consent to address the House?

Mr. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, yes please.

Thereupon, that gentleman was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, as most of you or all of you know, I was absent from the House on sick leave for several weeks. During that period, the cloture order was put on the record and I was unable to get all of my bills in. For that reason, I would like to ask unanimous consent to present a resolve.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Roberts, requests unanimous consent to introduce a resolve notwithstanding the provisions of the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the resolve.

The CLERK: Resolve to Rebuild Part of Highway Route 7.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this resolve notwithstanding the provisions of the cloture order? The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Roberts of Dexter, the Resolve (H. P. 1164) was referred to the Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Albert of Augusta was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Before we get too far along on this gasoline tax increase let's briefly take a look at the past record. When the Legislature and the people adopted the \$27,000,000 bond issue in 1951 they were assured that adequate provisions were being made for our highway improvement through the year 1958. The highway budget in 1953 indicated sufficient funds to carry out the program without curtailment. As late as September of 1953 the Assistant Chief Engineer of the State Highway Department stated that some 20 projects then underway showed savings of 10 per cent under original engineers' estimates and that miles constructed were running ahead of schedule.

Suddenly late last fall we were advised that the 7-year program had become a 5-year program and even at that there would be insufficient funds to match federal aid in the fifth year. Figures have been presented to this Legislature indicating that construction costs during the year 1952 were up 32 per cent over the 1949 level. How can we justify this figure with the statement of the Department's spokesman in the fall of 1953 that costs were down 10 per cent below the estimate of the engineers for the same period?

In considering our future highway program let us remember that the

97th Legislature is providing funds for the 1955-57 biennium. We have no planned long-range program before us at this time. It is for us to decide whether funds are available to operate the Highway Department for this period and provide additional money for a reasonable construction program.

A maze of figures has been presented to us but in the final analysis it seems pretty much to boil down to estimates of income for this and the next two years. How accurate have previous estimates of income been when compared with the actual take?

The 1951 budget estimated highway revenue at \$37,000,000 for the following biennium; the actual receipts were in excess of \$43,000,000. The 1953 budget estimated revenues for the present biennium at \$43,500,000; today we know that this will amount to well over \$46,000,000 and may reach possibly \$47,000,000. Here in a period of four years we find budget estimates of future income \$9,500,000 below the actual receipts.

Today we are facing pressures for an increase in the gasoline tax to provide the very cushion which experience has taught us that actual income over estimates will provide. If we can provide the people of Maine with a construction program of \$15,000,000 a year for the next two years, replenish the surplus, and do this without major taxes, I feel we will have done our job and done it well.

In addition to normal tax increases, we have in this Legislature yet to be acted upon, a number of bills which will add substantially to our future revenues. The proposal to make all passenger car registration fees a flat \$15.00; the use of one license plate; an increase in truck weights, and allocation of a portion of the inspection fee to the state.

From time to time during this session the subject of the use of the State's general fund for highways has come up. Should additional general funds be made available we can certainly justify the use of a portion for highway purposes.

With 94 per cent of the travel on 43 per cent of our road mileage, it is certain that the 6 per cent of the traffic on the remaining 57 per cent

of the mileage cannot be self-supporting from the standpoint of user taxes paid on travel on such roads. Such roads must, therefore, be subsidized by either the property tax or the highway fund. In order to relieve the burden on the property tax the Maine Legislature has, during the past ten years: Taken over the cutting of bushes along state and state-aid roads; taken over the maintenance of bridges built under the Bridge Act; taken over all summer maintenance of state and state-aid roads, and increased the State's share of snow removal on accepted ways. In addition the State has increased its direct aid to towns from \$150,000 a year in special resolves to \$1,000,000 a year in the town road improvement fund.

Obviously we will never be able to set aside adequate funds for construction if we continue to assume a larger and larger share of local road costs. It is here that the general fund might well come into the highway picture. One of the purposes of the sales tax was to relieve the burden on real estate. Should not further relief to this group come from general tax sources? For example, the opening of a road for a school bus or the delivery of mail is for the benefit not of the road user, but for the general welfare. The same as a city street benefits the home owner in that it provides him with increased police and fire protection and makes easier the delivery of his necessities of life and, incidentally, improves the value of his property, so does the purely local road have a general benefit which cannot be measured in terms of value to the user alone.

With the State of Maine already responsible for the greater percentage of the total road mileage in the state, we would do well to consider the possibility of allocating some general fund revenues to highway purposes.

If there is a strong feeling that Maine should spend more than \$15,000,000 a year in new construction, let's see just what help we are going to get from the federal government. From all I have read it seems certain that by the time the next Legis-

lature meets we will have the desired information and there appears to be no doubt that our construction effort will be materially speeded up. Let us face that problem when we come to it and can do it intelligently — not today when we do not know how.

Is the Federal Congress going to repeal the 2 cent federal tax as proposed by Senator Byrd and enable the states to pick it up, or is it going to increase it by another 1 cent as proposed by Senator Gore? These are certainly facts which we will want to know before we jump our tax rate and things which our people will expect us to know.

Also, it would be well to consider at this time the recommendations made by the Governor during the early days of this session that an appropriation be made for a complete survey of our general highway picture and that the report of such survey be brought before the 98th Legislature for action.

There can be no criticism of us if we sit tight now and then. When we know what our future program is going to be, go out and sell it to the people. When we sold the \$27,000,000 bond issue we thought we knew where we were going and the people bought it. Today, the people are not sold on a tax increase, and have given every indication that they do not want it at this time. (Applause)

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

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are no notices not printed on the printed notice sheet.

The House has been glad to have the Welcome Back Day guests with us.

On motion of Mr. Stanley of Hampden,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 29, at ten o'clock in the morning.