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OF THE

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Augusta, Maine

HOUSE

Wednesday, March 30, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Royal Brown of Gardiner.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are in the balcony of the House this morning, a group of Girl Scouts from Pittsfield under the leadership of Mrs. Dow, Mrs. Patten and Mrs. Soucy.

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

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

The following Communication: (S. P. 150)

**MAINE — NEW HAMPSHIRE
INTERSTATE BRIDGE
AUTHORITY**

Portsmouth, N. H.
March 22, 1955

Secretary of the Senate

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Article VI of an Act of the State of Maine designated Chapter 18, Private and Special Laws of 1937, we enclose herewith the eighth Biennial Report of the Maine—New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority.

Will you kindly submit this report to the Legislature.

Yours very truly,

Maine-New Hampshire
Interstate Bridge
Authority

(Signed) RAYMOND E. MORROW
Executive Secretary

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and with accompanying Report ordered placed on file in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Marine Worms in Hancock County" (S. P. 433) (L. D. 1192)

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 Correctional Institutions reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Persons Committed to State Prison for Safekeeping" (S. P. 392) (L. D. 1106)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Trespass Upon Lands Appurtenant to Maine State Prison" (S. P. 393) (L. D. 1107)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Authority of and Uniforms for Officers of the Maine State Prison" (S. P. 394) (L. D. 1108)

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Dealer or Transit Motor Vehicle Registration Plates" (S. P. 259) (L. D. 688)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fees for Certain Motor Vehicles Used for Commercial Purposes" (S. P. 280) (L. D. 696)

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

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

**Ought to Pass
with Committee Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse the Maine General Hospital for Care and Hospitalization of Leland Curtis (S. P. 243) (L. D. 676) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed as

amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 243, L. D. 676, Resolve to Reimburse the Maine General Hospital for Care and Hospitalization of Leland Curtis.

Amend said resolve by striking out in second line in said resolve "\$4,787.31" and inserting therefor "\$3,504.70".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Waiver of Indictment" (S. P. 216) (L. D. 557) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 216, L. D. 557, Bill "An Act relating to Waiver of Indictment."

Amend said bill by inserting after the underlined word "court" in the 14th line thereof the following underlined words and punctuation, **'or before any Justice of the Superior Court in vacation.'**

Further amend said bill by inserting after the underlined word "Court" in the 21st line thereof the following underlined words and punctuation, **'or any Justice of the Superior Court in vacation.'**

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "court" in the 27th line thereof the following underlined words and punctuation, **'or any Justice of the Superior Court in vacation.'**

Further amend said bill by inserting after the underlined word "court" in the last line of next to

the last paragraph thereof the following underlined words and punctuation **'or any Justice of the Superior Court in vacation.'**

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Revise the Laws relating to the State Library" (S. P. 369) (L. D. 1065) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 369, L. D. 1065, Bill "An Act to Revise the Laws relating to the State Library."

Amend said bill by adding the following underlined sentence at the end of the 1st paragraph of Sec. 6 thereof **'Copies of said publications distributed or sold to Justices and Ex-Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts shall be and remain the personal property of said Justices.'**

Further amend said bill by inserting after the comma following the underlined word "reports" in the 5th line of "Sec. 8" thereof the following underlined words and punctuation **'and of the advance sheets.'**

Further amend said bill by striking out all of the 5th paragraph of "Sec. 3" of said bill.

Further amend said bill by striking out in the last line of "Sec. 9" of said bill the underlined word and figures "section 25" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words and figures **'sections 23 and 25'**

Further amend said bill by striking out in 1st line of the last paragraph of "Sec. 13" of said bill the underlined word "a" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words **'the same'**

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

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Extend the Power to Serve to Public Utilities Organized by Special Act of the Legislature" (S. P. 330) (L. D. 895) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 330, L. D. 895, Bill "An Act to Extend the Power to Serve to Public Utilities Organized by Special Act of the Legislature."

Amend said Bill by striking from the 4th line thereof the underlined words 'or order.'

Further amend said Bill by striking from the 14th line thereof the underlined words 'or ordered.'

Further amend said Bill by striking from the 18th line thereof the underlined words 'or order.'

Further amend said Bill by striking from the 20th line thereof the underlined words 'or order.'

Further amend said bill by adding at the end thereof a new underlined sentence to read as follows: 'Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to common carriers by railroad which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.'

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

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

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of

Floral Grange in Bucksport (H. P. 579) (L. D. 639) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Alden from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse George H. Morong, of Portland (H. P. 520) (L. D. 583)

Report was read.

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

Mr. McGlaulin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Two State Senators from Each County (H. P. 835) (L. D. 925)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft Printed Bill

Mr. McGlaulin from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Trespass on Land of Another" (H. P. 428) (L. D. 476) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1166) (L. D. 1399) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Alden from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Kathryn C. Douglas of Augusta (H. P. 640) (L. D. 717)

Mr. Roundy from the Committee on Education reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Tuition of Students Living on Chebeague Island Cumberland County" (H. P. 527) (L. D. 586)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Hancock from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Terms of the Superior Court in York County" (H. P. 667) (L. D. 743) 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. 667, L. D. 743, Bill "An Act relating to Terms of the Superior Court in York County."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the 1st line thereof the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

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

'Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 1956.'

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

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Preserving Ballots and Check Lists as Public Records" (S. P. 400) (L. D. 1114)

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

(On motion of Miss Cormier of Rumford, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 5.)

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Record of Prisoner and Warrant of Commitment Delivered to Warden of State Prison" (S. P. 401) (L. D. 1115)

Bill "An Act relating to Sums Furnished Convict on Discharge from State Prison" (S. P. 402) (L. D. 1116)

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

Bill "An Act Setting Off Part of Berwick to South Berwick, York County" (H. P. 545) (L. D. 602)

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

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

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. Speaker, this may be an unusual request but I would like Item Number 5 —

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman to kindly defer as the House is proceeding on Item 4.

Thereupon, House Paper 545, Legislative Document 602, was read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that Item 5 will be passed over for the time being and will be taken up later on the calendar.

Third Reader Passed Over Temporarily

Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on Seven-Ounce Bottles of Malt Liquor" (H. P. 672) (L. D. 748)

Bill "An Act relating to Shipping of Malt Liquor to Maine Wholesalers" (H. P. 674) (L. D. 750)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are now in the balcony of the House a group of fourteen grammar school students from Hudson accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Roland Welch, also by Mr. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trask and Mrs. Townsend.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a hearty and cordial welcome and hopes that your stay with us will be profitable. (Applause)

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Funds for Minors Not Having Guardian" (H. P. 746) (L. D. 827)

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

(On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

Passed to Be Engrossed (cont'd)

Bill "An Act relating to the Incorporation of Saint Johns Lodge, Ma-

sons of South Berwick, Number Fifty-One" (H. P. 806) (L. D. 847)

Bill "An Act relating to Donations or Gifts of Money to a Municipality" (H. P. 854) (L. D. 940)

Bill "An Act Creating Voting Places for Indians" (H. P. 910) (L. D. 1018)

Bill "An Act Providing for Excise Tax on House Trailers" (H. P. 1020) (L. D. 1160)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Dam or Tidegate in the Ogunquit River" (H. P. 1031) (L. D. 1203)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Exeter School District" (H. P. 1058) (L. D. 1208)

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

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Amend the Paris Village Corporation" (H. P. 1073) (L. D. 1268)

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

(On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

Passed to Be Engrossed (cont'd)

Bill "An Act Permitting Re-opening of Examinations for State Employment by Disabled Veterans" (H. P. 1165) (L. D. 1394)

Resolve in favor of Amy M. Meister of Otisfield (H. P. 341) (L. D. 1389)

Resolve to Reimburse Alexander Belanger of Lewiston for Damages by State Ward (H. P. 582) (L. D. 1390)

Resolve in favor of Fred Kinner of Lewiston (H. P. 583) (L. D. 1391)

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

Amended Bills

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

Bill "An Act relating to Delivery of Motor Vehicles Sold by State on Bids" (H. P. 488) (L. D. 533)

Bill "An Act relating to Preference in State Purchases for Products Raised or Manufactured in State" (H. P. 924) (L. D. 1032)

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

Bill "An Act Regulating Closing-Out Sales and Similar Types of Sales" (H. P. 297) (L. D. 280)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Transportation of Explosives" (H. P. 337) (L. D. 378)

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

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Town of Lincoln Municipal Court" (S. P. 360) (L. D. 969)

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

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth item under Third Readers, Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on Seven-Ounce Bottles of Malt Liquor," House Paper 672, Legislative Document 748, which was passed over temporarily.

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

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

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On Item 5,

Legislative Document 748, having heard an amendment discussed at a public hearing, which the Committee on Liquor evidently slipped up on, and with our apologies may I present at this time Amendment "A" to L. D. 748, which is Item 5, for adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Charles, offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, to ask that this bill be retabled until later in this session because some people have gone to make some inquiries about it, some of my colleagues have gone to ask some questions about this amendment and I would like to have the bill and amendment tabled until later in today's session.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Charles, that House Amendment "A" be adopted.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 672, L. D. 748, Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on Seven-Ounce Bottles of Malt Liquor."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the 2nd sentence of the 2nd paragraph thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'A wholesaler licensee who imports malt liquor shall pay an excise tax on the following basis: case containing 24 12ounce bottles, 36c; case containing 24 16ounce bottles, 48c; case containing 12 24ounce bottles, 36c; case containing 12 32ounce bottles, 48c; \$4.96 for a barrel; \$2.48 for a half barrel; and \$1.24 for a quarter barrel of 16c per gallon and at a like rate for any multiple or fraction thereof.'

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, moves that this Bill with accompanying papers lie on the table pending adoption of House Amendment "A", which is the motion now before the House.

The Chair will inquire if the gentleman would care to assign a date that it should come off the table?

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to have it come off later in this session or perhaps I had better assign it to be tabled until tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, now moves that the Bill with accompanying papers be tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and be specially assigned for tomorrow. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was so tabled and assigned.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair would like to note the presence in the balcony of the House of 33 students from Newport High School with their teachers, Mr. Chester Willette and Miss Mary Moores; fifteen students from the sixth and seventh grades of Bremen Grammar School accompanied by Mrs. Tibbetts, their teacher; and a Social Studies Group from Haskell Memorial School of Bath accompanied by Mrs. Doris Thistle.

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

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Exemption of Airports from Taxation (H. P. 122) (L. D. 125)

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. 121 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Line Budget for Personal Services, Capital Expenditures and Other Expenses for State Departments (H. P. 405) (L. D. 452)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency

measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 123 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Mechanic Falls School District (H. P. 619) (L. D. 626)

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. 124 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Taxation of Television and Radio Transmitting Equipment in Town Where Situated (H. P. 722) (L. D. 786)

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. 126 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.

Enactor

Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Fees of Deputy Sheriffs in Attendance at Court (S. P. 86) (L. D. 175)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter lie on the table and be specially assigned for next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that this Bill lie on the table pending passage to be enacted and be specially assigned for Tuesday next, April 5. Is this the pleasure of the House?

For what purpose does the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, rise?

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, to request that it be changed to Thursday from Tuesday, if it is permissible at this time.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to withdraw my motion and move that it be tabled until next Thursday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, withdraws his previous motion and now moves that the bill be tabled pending passage to be enacted and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 7. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Passed to Be Enacted

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

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

An Act Increasing Salary of the Judge of the Newport Municipal Court (S. P. 359) (L. D. 968)

An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of the Dexter Municipal Court (S. P. 361) (L. D. 970)

An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Millinocket Municipal Court (S. P. 362) (L. D. 971)

An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Old Town Municipal Court (S. P. 363) (L. D. 972)

An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Bangor Municipal Court (S. P. 364) (L. D. 973)

An Act Increasing Salaries of County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Penobscot County (S. P. 381) (L. D. 1077)

An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of Eastport Municipal Court (S. P. 382) (L. D. 1078)

An Act relating to Rental for Brewer Municipal Court (H. P. 234) (L. D. 213)

An Act relating to Salary of Judge of Brewer Municipal Court (H. P. 235) (L. D. 214)

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

An Act relating to Permits and Certificates for Motor Vehicle Carriers (H. P. 377) (L. D. 412)

An Act relating to Open Season on Beaver (H. P. 421) (L. D. 467)

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

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

Enactor Tabled

An Act Providing for Maintenance of Certain Roads in Baxter State Park (H. P. 704) (L. D. 772)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Quinn of Bangor, tabled pending passage to be enacted and unassigned.)

An Act Defining Veteran in Korean Campaign (H. P. 726) (L. D. 790)

An Act relating to Study in Out-of-State Schools of Hairdressing and Beauty Culture (H. P. 754) (L. D. 835)

An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of Western Hancock Municipal Court (H. P. 947) (L. D. 1050)

Finally Passed

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Bracket Lake in Aroostook County (H. P. 663) (L. D. 739)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. HILTON: Mr. Speaker, out of order, I would like to take off the table Item I, which was specially assigned for Thursday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton, to approach the rostrum.

(Conference at rostrum)

The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton, withdraws his request for unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first item of unfinished business, An Act relating to Height of Letters on Signs on School Buses, House Paper 283, Legislative Document 267, tabled on March 23 by the gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, pending passage to be enacted and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this be passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, moves that this bill be passed to be enacted.

This bill having had its three several readings in the House, and having been passed to be engrossed, and having had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed and the Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported that it is truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that it be passed to be enacted?

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second item of unfinished business, 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 March 24 by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, pending adoption of House Amendment "B" and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, that gentleman offered House Amendment "B" to House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to 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 Amendment by striking out the figure "237,534.89" and inserting in place thereof the figure '241,534.89

Further amend said Amendment by striking out from the third line thereof the figure "224,151.04" and inserting in place thereof the figure '228,151.04'

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

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

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to state the position of the Republican members of the Androscoggin delegation with reference to this matter. We wanted to limit salary increases to correcting a couple of obvious inequities. We have spent long hours in discussing these matters in meetings of the county delegation. We were out-numbered and we were out-voted and I think that we should accept this situation and not take this county difference to the floor of the House. I want to point out again, however, that the bulk of these salary increases is the responsibility of the Androscoggin Democratic delegation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dayton, Mr. Kimball.

Mr. KIMBALL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I offer House Amendment "C" —

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman to kindly defer. The offered amendment is not yet in order.

Thereupon, House Amendment "B" to House Amendment "B" was adopted.

House Amendment "B" as amended by House Amendment "B" there-to was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dayton, Mr. Kimball.

Mr. KIMBALL: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment "C". I understand that the law provides that

the county commissioners shall assess the county taxes in the month of March. Since it now appears that there will not be sufficient time for the county commissioners to assess the county taxes after this resolve has been finally passed and signed by the Governor, I am offering this amendment which authorizes and makes legal for the county commissioners to assess the county taxes in the month of April of this year.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dayton, Mr. Kimball, offers House Amendment "C" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "C" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" 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 inserting before the Emergency Clause the following:
and be it further

Resolved: that the County Taxes of the several counties for the year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-five may be apportioned during the month of April of said year upon the last state valuation.

Thereupon, House Amendment "C" was adopted.

Mr. Hilton of Bremen then presented House Amendment "D" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" 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 "96,981.00" in the 1955 column, after the word Lincoln and inserting in place thereof the figure '101,981.00'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out the figure "96,981.00" in the 1956 column, after the word Lincoln and inserting in place thereof the figure '101,981.00'

House Amendment "D" was then adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDONALD: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment "A" to House Paper 1154, L. D. 1368, and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman's amendment is out of order.

Will the gentleman kindly approach the rostrum.

(Conference at rostrum)

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to correct itself. House Amendment 'A' as offered by the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. MacDonald, is in order. The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" 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 figures "210,600.00" opposite the word "Oxford" in the column headed "1955" and "1956", and inserting in place thereof the figures '211,100.00'.

House Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this resolve together with the accompanying amendments be tabled until Wednesday, April 6.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, to kindly approach the rostrum.

The House may be at ease.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my previous motion and I now move that the resolve and accompanying papers be tabled until Friday, April 1.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, withdraws his previous motion and now moves that 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, with accompanying papers lie on the table pending second reading and be specially assigned for Friday of this week, April 1. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve with accompanying papers was so tabled and assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Quahogs", House Paper 166, Legislative Document 157, tabled on March 22 by the gentleman from East Machias, Mr. Cates, pending first reading and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CATES: Mr. Speaker, there is in the Appropriations Committee a bill, a Sea and Shore Fisheries Department bill, which will have considerable bearing on this L. D. 157 and until the disposition of that bill, I would like to retable this bill unassigned.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from East Machias, Mr. Cates, moves that this bill be retabled pending first reading and be unassigned. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve Providing for Construction of a Substitute Road in Howland, House Paper 356, Legislative Document 394, tabled on March 22 by the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, pending final passage and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This resolve, L. D. 394, applies to the construction of a substitute road in Howland. It may seem strange to the people of Howland that I, a resident of Mount Desert, a town nearly one hundred miles south, would be interested in this resolve. However, it appears to me that there is something amiss with the mechanics of this particular piece of legislation. With all due respect to the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich, the author of this resolve, I feel that there are many questions involved

in so far as the status of this act is concerned and that these questions should be satisfactorily answered before the act receives final passage.

The first question which I would like to ask: What price tag does the project carry which will be chargeable to the State? Why is the present road under water at various times of the year? Would the control of the flowage of the existing utility dam be the answer to that question? Why was the local road resolve of such importance as to engage the attention of the Chairman of the Highway Department who came before the hearing in favor of construction of this road? Why was this special act, which calls for the construction of a new road, put under the Bridge Act when there will be no bridges, so I have been informed, on the entire project?

Members of this House, we are mindful that in the last session of the Legislature many deserving towns, towns which were classed as distress areas, were turned down in their request for help from the State for the construction of badly needed highways. On this particular road, it is estimated — and this is from the Highway Department — that the traffic count will be in the neighborhood of twenty-three cars per day in the summer months.

In order to give more time for the answers to these questions, which I have raised, I respectfully request that this resolve be retabled and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 7.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, moves that Resolve Providing for Construction of a Substitute Road in Howland, House Paper 356, Legislative Document 394, lie on the table pending final passage and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 7.

The Chair is informed that Wednesday in April is the 6th. The Chair will inquire of the gentleman if it is Wednesday, April 6, or Thursday, April 7, that he wishes?

Mr. REYNOLDS: Mr. Speaker, I will request Wednesday, April 6.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will restate the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House that this Resolve lie on the table pending final passage and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 6?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich, to inquire for what purpose the gentleman rises?

Mr. RICH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire through the Chair if we could have that date Thursday, April 7, on account of I do not expect to be here on Wednesday, April 6.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich, makes a request through the Chair of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Mr. Speaker, the date asked for by the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich, is agreeable to me.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, withdraws his motion and moves that this resolve lie on the table pending final passage and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 7. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Joint Order for Joint Select Committee to Study and Survey the Operation of the Milk Control Law as to Price Fixing at the Retail Level, House Paper 1160, tabled on March 23 by the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie, pending passage, and ordered reproduced, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BOWIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not believe this measure necessitates any great speech making on my part. I gave you the case last week and since which time other cases have been called to my attention, and I feel that the necessity for the study is still there and I will ask that the Order be now passed and ask also a division of the House in regard to that.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie, moves that Order House Paper 1160 receive passage.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway.

Mr. BROCKWAY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My first objection to the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie's order is that it calls for an investigation at the retail level only. I believe that if we are going to investigate a Commission of this State that we certainly should go all the way. This sort of advertising, so as to speak, is used by other commodities, dealers in other commodities, but it so happens that there is a clause written into this milk law that makes these activities unlawful I believe. I am not going into that in any detail because it would be just a waste of time. I would like to quote the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie, from the record. He says: "To my knowledge so far the Milk Commission has taken no action against Grant possibly because they hesitate to drag one of their own kind into Court for fear of further illegal practices which might be brought to the attention of the public. When a member of the Milk Commission who is charged with enforcing the law can publicly disobey a law and not be called upon to account for his actions, I think it is time for the Attorney General to investigate the present policies in the enforcement of the whole Commission." Here he says he thinks that the whole Commission should be investigated and his order only calls for it at the pricing level, retail pricing level.

I have a communication here from the Maine Milk Commission, to wit: action of Grant's Dairy. On March 3, 1955 Senator Hillman informed the Maine Milk Commission that Grant's Dairy was giving prizes on a TV show in Bangor to the boy or girl bidding the highest number of Grant's bottle caps. On March 4, memo to Attorney General asking written opinion on legality of Grant's program, and there is a note on this that says first TV auction was held on March 5. On March 16—this was asked of the Attorney General on March 4 and his reply was received on March 16, the opinion of the Attorney General that this TV program is a violation of our law. On March 17 the Maine Milk Commission informed Grant's Dairy, special delivery, registered,

returned receipt requested, also by hand delivered letter to Mrs. Grant of Attorney General's ruling. On March 22 memo to Attorney General that Grant's Dairy had not discontinued the TV program. This was a memo from the Maine Milk Commission. On March 24 letter from Mr. Frost, Attorney General's Office to Maine Milk Commission. Mr. Chenevert and Mr. Poulin to Bangor, see report. And on March 25th again they went to Bangor and on March 26 went to Bangor. March 26 continuing. March 29 Letter to County Attorney Fellows, Penobscot County attorney, copy to Mr. Frost.

I have several letters that were written back and forth. This is an interdepartmental Memorandum:

STATE OF MAINE

Inter - Departmental Memorandum
Date March 16, 1955.

To — Harvey H. Chenevert
Executive Secy. Dept. — Milk Commission
From — James Glynn Frost,
Deputy Dept. — Attorney General
Subject — Legality of Sales Promotion

We have your memo of March 4, 1955, in which you recite the following:

"A dealer proposes to give away articles, such as bicycles and other smaller prizes to the boy or girl who presents the most bottle caps with his (dealer's) name on cap.

"Question: Is this a violation of Chapter 33, Revised Statutes, Sec. 4, Item VI, last paragraph which reads "No method or device shall be lawful, etc."

"May we have a written opinion?"

Section 4-VI, of Chapter 33, the last paragraph, reads as follows:

"No method or device shall be lawful whereby milk is bought or sold at prices less than the scheduled minimum applicable to the transaction whether by any discount, rebate, free service, advertising allowance, combination price of milk with any other commodity or for any other consideration."

The facts stated in your memo have been amplified by facts presented to this office by other people who apparently are complaining against the same individual in regard to the scheme or device by which he gives away articles. It is

our understanding that on Saturdays, each week, the dealer has a number of prizes, each of some value, and these articles are auctioned away to the boy or girl presenting the most bottle caps with the dealer's name imprinted thereon.

It is our opinion that, where these articles are given away to the highest bidder, i.e., the person holding the highest number of bottle caps this is in effect the selling of milk at less than the minimum price and is in violation of the above quoted law.

Would you kindly advise this office, in the event the violation continues an unreasonable time after this opinion has been received?

(Signed) James G. Frost

Deputy Attorney General

A letter from the Maine Milk Commission to:

March 17, 1955

Mr. Donald L. Grant, President
Grant's Dairy
562 Union St.
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Grant:

According to our information your company is engaged in giving away articles in exchange for your bottle caps. We have requested the opinion of the Attorney General as to the legality of such a procedure, under Section 4, Item VI, Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1954. The Attorney General's opinion is, quote:

"It is our opinion that, where these articles are given away to the highest bidder, i.e., the person holding the highest number of bottle caps, this is in effect the selling of milk at less than the minimum price and is in violation of the above quoted law."

In view of this opinion we recommend that you discontinue this practice at once.

Yours truly,

Maine Milk Commission,

(Signed) Harvey H. Chenevert,
Executive Secretary

Then an Interdepartmental Memorandum:

STATE OF MAINE

Inter - Departmental Memorandum

March 22, 1955

To—J. G. Frost, Deputy Attorney General.

Dept.—Attorney General

From—Harvey H. Chenevert, Executive Secy.

Dept.—Maine Milk Commission

Subject—Failure of Grant's Dairy, Bangor, Maine, to stop violating law.

Agreeable to your memo of March 16, we wish to inform you that Grant's Dairy, Bangor, Maine, having been notified in writing of the legal opinion expressed in the above memo, has continued for an unreasonable time to violate the law by auctioning prizes to the person having the most bottle caps from Grant's Dairy.

Thursday, March 24, 1955, appointment with County Attorney at 3:00 p.m. After long discussion and several phone calls, Mr. Oscar Fellows could not find suitable grounds to make complaint. After talking with Augusta, Attorney General's Department, Mr. Fellows asked that we come back again next day to meet with Judge Gross of the Municipal Court at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, March 25, 1955, we met with Judge Gross and Mr. Fellows at the Municipal Court Room. Judge Gross did not feel that he could entertain the complaint because Mr. Grant's program did not appear to him to violate the "minimum price applicable to the transaction." "Boy who bought the bicycle with bid of the most bottle caps might not be the one who bought the milk, and so forth." Back to Mr. Fellows' office, Mr. Fellows phoned TV Station WABI and made an appointment at 2:00 o'clock.

This I think is—I have this, the information is available to anybody that wants it but I do not believe I need to read more of this, it would just be tiresome. The first program had been on March 5, Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m., usually about 50 children. Not necessary for them to have bottle caps to attend. Prizes range from 75c to \$6.00 in value. Usually give away six or eight prizes on each program, depending on time consumed in bidding.

On March 26 the program started at 9:30 a.m. about 50 boys and girls age 3 to 12. Milton Chapman, Sales Manager, in charge. All the children get a prize, bag of marbles. Smudgee Grant, brother of Donald on the stage. Program opens by announcing something like this: "What's the slogan for today"? Kids shout the reply, "Drink Grant's Milk." Here are a few of the articles that were auctioned. Pair of toy cowboy guns and holsters and belt goes to Russell Wescott for 585 caps and panels, the panels being as I understand, panels from the paper containers in which milk is sold. Exhibit A, 50 caps, Russell Wescott states that he got the caps from various places, even bought a few. Elaine Savage or Swazie bid 461 caps or panels to buy a doll. Another boy bid 480 caps to buy a toy circus wagon. Contestants paid all their caps and panels when they were the successful bidders. After the show they got back the difference between their bid and their total caps and panels. They can use these to bid by mail on the bicycle.

I do not believe I need to go through any more of this, I have several other pages of it about the same thing. I personally have no objections to investigation of the Commission if we want to go all the way, but the retail level only I can not go along with that, and at this time I would move, Mr. Speaker, that this item be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, moves that House Joint Order for Joint Select Committee to Study and Survey the Operation of the Milk Control Law as to Price Fixing at the Retail Level, House Paper 1160, be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell.

Mr. CASWELL: Mr. Speaker, would I be out of order, would a motion to indefinitely postpone take precedence over an order to table?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the motion was to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. CASWELL: Well, Mr. Speaker, that would take precedence over any other?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that a motion to table would have precedence over a motion for indefinite postponement.

Mr. CASWELL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: It was my idea to ask for the tabling of this order. As I read it, it is to survey the operation of the milk control law as to price fixing at the retail level. Now it would seem that from the papers which the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, has read, that there is some difference of opinion between the Judge of the Municipal Court in Penobscot County and the Attorney General's office as to whether or not this action by Grant's Dairy is a violation of the law. It seems to me that before a committee of laymen can act intelligently on this, that those differences between the two bodies should be ironed out, and that the committee know exactly what they have to investigate, and it was for that purpose that I was going to suggest that this matter be tabled until these differences can be ironed out.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if the gentleman makes that as a motion?

Mr. CASWELL: I would do so, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if the gentleman would care to assign a date.

Mr. CASWELL: Mr. Speaker, apparently the Milk Commission is taking all necessary steps, all available steps, to iron out the matter but I cannot tell how long that is going to take. It might be tabled for perhaps a week and then if nothing has come out further it could be retabled I suppose. I would suggest tabling it for one week.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell, moves that House Joint Order for Joint Select Committee to Study and Survey the Operation of the Milk Control Law as to Price Fixing at the Retail Level, House Paper 1160, lie on the table pending action on the motion of the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, for indefinite postponement and be specially assigned for one week from today, Wednesday, April 6.

Does the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie, request a division on that motion?

Mr. BOWIE: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie, requests a division.

As many as are in favor of this order lying on the table pending action on the motion of the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, for indefinite postponement will kindly rise and remain standing in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

Mr. COOK (of Portage Lake): Mr. Speaker, may I request a restatement of the motion?

The SPEAKER: The members may be seated. The Chair will restate the motion.

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell, that House Order, House Paper 1160, be tabled pending action on the motion of the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, that it be indefinitely postponed and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 6.

As many as are in favor of this order lying on the table for one week will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and four having voted in the affirmative and eight having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Order was tabled pending action on the motion of the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, that it be indefinitely postponed and was specially assigned for Wednesday, April 6.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Council Members of City of Portland", Senate Paper 97, Legislative Document 228, tabled on March 24 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin, pending first reading.

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

Thereupon, on motion of that gentleman, the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. F. 97, L. D. 228, Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Council Members of City of Portland."

Amend said bill by adding thereto a referendum clause to read as follows:

'Referendum; effective date; return to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Portland at the next regular city election called and held for the purpose at the regular voting places of the city by the officers of the city of Portland authorized to call such election. A check list shall be used at such election. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act relating to the Charter of the City of Portland, passed by the 97th Legislature, increasing the compensation for members of the Portland City Council, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result shall be declared by the municipal officers and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election.'

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Sheriffs, Police and Fire Officials", House Paper 83, Legislative Document 80, tabled on March 24 by the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, pending first reading.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: On behalf of the Transportation Committee and with the knowledge of the sponsor of the bill, the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, I am now going to move the indefinite

postponement of the present Committee Amendment "A" and I am doing that only in order that House Amendment "A" may then be proposed which will go one step further, so therefore, I now move, Mr. Speaker, that Committee Amendment "A"

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman to kindly defer until the bill has been given its first two readings.

Mr. TOTMAN: Excuse me, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 83, L. D. 80, Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Sheriffs, Police and Fire Officials."

Amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following underlined sentence: **"and such motor vehicles used by Coastal Wardens as may be designated by the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries, and such motor vehicles used by United States Government Law Enforcement Officials."**

The Speaker: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, now moves the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon, Mr. Totman of Bangor, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 83, L. D. 80, Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Sheriffs, Police and Fire Officials."

Amend said Bill by Striking out the Title and inserting in place thereof the following Title: **'An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Certain Officials.'**

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof before the period and single quotation mark the following underlined words and punctuation: **'and such motor vehicles used by coastal wardens as may be**

designated by the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries, and such motor vehicles used by United States Government law enforcement officials, and such motor vehicles used by a state or municipal department which controls or supervises electrical alarm and communication systems'

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, House Order relative to Special Calendar by Members of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, tabled on March 24 by the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: 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'

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, House Amendment "A" was adopted and the House Order as amended by House Amendment "A" received passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the seventh tabled and today assigned matter, House Divided Report, Majority "Ought to pass" and Minority "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Local Option for Sale of Malt Liquor by Part-time Hotels", House Paper 441, Legislative Document 487, tabled on March 29 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, pending the motion of the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, to accept the Majority Report.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now move that that motion for acceptance of the Majority Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, that the Majority Report "Ought to pass" be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Majority Report "Ought to pass" was accepted.

The Bill was then given its two several readings and assigned for third reading tomorrow.

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

Mr. Jennings of Strong was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JENNINGS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to have unanimous consent to present a resolve notwithstanding the cloture order. This came to my attention last Thursday. I feel that this resolve has merit. It is in favor of the Bosworth Memorial Hospital, the building in Portland.

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

The CLERK: Resolve in favor of Bosworth Memorial Association.

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

The Chair hears none and the resolve is received.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Jennings of Strong, the Resolve (H. P. 1167) was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

(Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham was granted unanimous consent to address the House off the record)

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

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker, I request permission to introduce a bill. I had hoped to, at least, but after —

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, requests unan-

imous consent to address the House. After that, the gentleman may make a motion.

Thereupon, Mr. Cianchette of Pittsfield was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker, after some of the remarks just made in relation to salaries, I feel a little guilty here perhaps but this bill is an increase for a salary of a county officer. It had been understood that this was taken care of under another bill. We found out last week that it had not been taken care of. Therefore, I ask permission to introduce this bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, 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 Increase the Salary of the Register of Deeds of Somerset County".

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. 1168) was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen.

Mr. STILPHEN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take from the table the third unassigned matter.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to thank the gentleman for helping to get the table unloaded.

The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, moves that the third tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Hunting for Raccoons at Night," House Paper 535, Legislative Document 592, tabled by that gentleman on March 16 pending assignment for third reading be considered at this time. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, Mr. Stilphen of Rockland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 535, L. D. 592, Bill "An Act relating to Hunting for Raccoons at Night."

Amend said Bill, in the 7th line, by striking out the underlined word and figure "October 1st" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word and figure 'September 1st.'

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A"?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen.

Mr. STILPHEN: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to have this bill given its third reading.

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

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would request the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, to kindly approach the rostrum.

(Conference at rostrum)

The Bill was then assigned for third reading tomorrow.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I too would like to offer my small contribution to unburdening of the unassigned calendar. Regarding items 4 and 5, I would like to take up first item 5, L. D. 546, Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Operators' Licenses from Date of Birth", which I tabled to allow the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, to have an opportunity to speak on it if he cared to when he returned.

I understand that the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, is now willing to—

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, moves that the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report, Leave to Withdraw, of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Operators' Licenses from Date of Birth," House Paper 509, Legislative Document 546, tabled by that gentleman on March 22 pending acceptance of the

committee report be taken from the table at this time. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now move with the concurrence of the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, that the Leave to Withdraw Report by the Committee on Transportation be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, moves that the Leave to Withdraw Report of the Committee be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, now wishes to take the fourth tabled and unassigned matter from the table, House Report, Leave to Withdraw, of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Operators' Licenses from Date of Birth with Notification", House Paper 30 Legislative Document 40, tabled on March 22 by that gentleman pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, it is somewhat unusual but I have not discussed this particular bill with the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, but I am taking it off the table in order that he may do whatever he sees fit with the bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe that I am going to attempt to reconcile the differences between the Committee on Transportation and the Secretary of State's office and with that in mind I would like to table this unassigned and as soon as I can consult with them, we can take it off and dispose of it in a proper manner.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, moves that the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report, Leave to Withdraw, of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Operators' Licenses from Date of Birth with Notification", House Paper 30, Legislative Document 40, lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be unassigned. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

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

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker, I also would like to add my small contribution to unburdening the table and I ask permission to remove from the table Item number 1, an unassigned item.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, moves to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, House Order relative to Report by the State Highway Commission to the 97th Legislature before March 1, 1955 on questions submitted, which was tabled by that gentleman on February 9 pending passage as amended. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker, I should like to have unanimous consent to withdraw this order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, requests unanimous consent to withdraw the order. Does the Chair hear objection to the gentleman's request?

The Chair hears none and the order is withdrawn.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that there are fourteen items on the tabled and unassigned calendar. The session is fast approaching the days when there will be urges to go fishing and get back to serious work on the farm and so forth and each day if the House can whittle away at the calendar and avoid deferring debate for a long time, the sooner the House will be able to finish its work and go home.

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

On motion of Mr. Wadleigh of Mount Vernon,

Adjourned until one-thirty o'clock tomorrow afternoon.