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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Thursday, April 7, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Haldon Arnold of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Court Costs" (S. P. 465) (L. D. 1316)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

(Subsequently tabled in the House)

**Ought to Pass
in New Draft**

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Broken Bridge Pond, Oxford County (S. P. 284) (L. D. 794) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 520) (L. D. 1415) under title of Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Broken Bridge Pond, Oxford County and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Amending the Mining Law" (S. P. 78) (L. D. 179) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 494) (L. D. 1371) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice, the Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Hunting of Woodcock" (S. P. 183) (L. D. 435)

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, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: It has been called to the attention of the Chair that there are in the balcony of the House this morning two students from the Eighth Grade in Fayette and a student from Livermore Falls High School accompanied by Mrs. Hattie Boutilier.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a hearty and cordial welcome and hopes that this morning's visit will be profitable. (Applause)

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Regulation of Boats and Canoes by Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (S. P. 296) (L. D. 804)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Regulating Fishing for Black Bass Through the Ice in Knox County (S. P. 312) (L. D. 851)

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

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair requests the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, to the rostrum for the purpose of presiding as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Miss Cormier assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem amid the applause of the House and Speaker Traiton retired from the Hall.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Discharge in Bankruptcy Re Financial Responsibility Law" (S. P. 409) (L. D. 1173)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Modifying and Clarifying the Rule Against Perpetuities" (S. P. 411) (L. D. 1175)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Legislative Research Committee" (S. P. 446) (L. D. 1238)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Providing for an Interpleader Compact" (S. P. 448) (L. D. 1240)

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities reporting same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Lewiston Gas Light Company" (S. P. 492) (L. D. 1359)

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 Education on Resolve Appropriating Money for the Preparation of Educational Materials on Maine for Schools (S. P. 457) (L. D. 1287) 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. 457, L. D. 1287, Resolve Appropriating Money for the Preparation of Educational Materials on Maine for Schools.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the 2nd line thereof the figures "\$2,500" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$3,500".

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

Report of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Installations within Highway Limits" (S. P. 93) (L. D. 223) 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. 93, L. D. 223, Bill "An Act relating to Installations within Highway Limits."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 6th and 7th lines the underlined words "**edge of the paved portion,**" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words '**near edge of the paved portion of Highways (not including shoulders) having more than 2 travel lanes, having a total paved portion in excess of 24 feet in width.**'

Further amend said Bill by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma and adding the following underlined words, '**and the 20-foot limitation shall not apply to the installations or other property devoted to public use of any public utility or district or to underground pipe lines, or to the installations or other property in existence prior to the effective date of this act.**'

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

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Twitchell Pond, Oxford County (S. P. 283) (L. D. 795) 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. 283, L. D. 795, Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Twitchell Pond, Oxford County.

Amend said Resolve by striking out all of the Emergency Preamble.

Further amend said Resolve by striking out the 3rd line from the end and inserting in place thereof the following: 'from ice-in to March 31st of each year.'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out all of the Emergency Clause at the end.

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

Ought to Pass Amended in Senate

Report of the Committee on Welfare reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Burial Expenses Under Old Age Assistance Laws" (S. P. 419) (L. D. 1180)

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

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

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 419, L. D. 1180, Bill "An Act relating to Burial Expenses Under Old Age Assistance Laws."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the last underlined line thereof and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words:

'III. Funeral expenses, not exceeding \$400, exclusive of clergymen's honorarium and cemetery expenses.'

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Highway Drains" (H. P. 194) (L. D. 199) which was accepted in the House on February 17.

Came from the Senate with the Report and Bill recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House voted

to recede and concur with the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to the Closing of County Offices on Saturday (H. P. 79) (L. D. 76) which was passed to be enacted in the House on February 24, and passed to be engrossed on February 16.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

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. Charles of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Howard O. Hough, Minister of the First Radio Parish Church of America, Portland, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 13, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Dunn of Poland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Percy L. Vernor of Poland Community Church, Poland, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, April 26, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Crockett of Freeport, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Nelson M. Felch of the Baptist Church, Freeport, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, April 21, 1955.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Lamb from the Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act relating to Classification of Waters of the State and Abatement of Pollution Thereof" (H. P. 1133) (L. D. 1331) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Staples from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported

same on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Register of Probate of Franklin County" (H. P. 944) (L. D. 1047)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Town of Old Orchard (H. P. 957) (L. D. 1084)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Ferguson from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Permits to Haul Farm Products Over Certain Highways" (H. P. 351) (L. D. 389)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Albert of Augusta, the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 13.)

Mr. Higgins from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Designating "The Squire Rangeley Trail" (H. P. 587) (L. D. 643)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Haughn from the Committee on Public Utilities reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions from Regulation of Motor Carriers" (H. P. 931) (L. D. 1037)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Hilton of Bremen, the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 13.)

Mr. Skolfield from the Committee on Public Utilities reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Create the Milbridge Sewer and Water District" (H. P. 1048) (L. D. 1223)

Mr. Hilton from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Resolve Authorizing Aroostook County Commissioners to Compen-

sate Tax Collector in Township 17, Range 5 (H. P. 690) (L. D. 758)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

(Subsequently the Resolve was substituted for the Report on (H. P. 690) (L. D. 758))

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Register of Deeds of Northern Registry, Aroostook County" (H. P. 566) (L. D. 614)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent, the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 14.)

Ought to Pass

in New Draft

Printed Bill

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Nadeau from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Permitting Towns to Appropriate Money in Anticipation of State Highway Appropriations" (H. P. 980) (L. D. 1128) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1181) (L. D. 1431) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Elwell of Brooks the Report and Bill were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 12.)

Ought to Pass

Printed Bills

Mr. Cianchette from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Clerk Hire and Salary of the Judge of the Franklin Municipal Court" (H. P. 628) (L. D. 668)

Mr. Porell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Northern Cumberland Municipal Court" (H. P. 630) (L. D. 670)

Mr. Stanley from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Northern Aroostook Municipal Court" (H. P. 458) (L. D. 493)

Mr. Staples from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Judge of Probate

of Knox County" (H. P. 1055) (L. D. 1230)

Mr. Wadleigh from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Clerk Hire for Office of Register of Probate in Knox County" (H. P. 689) (L. D. 757)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Natural Resources on Resolve Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land in Augusta to City of Augusta (H. P. 841) (L. D. 931) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Briggs of Caribou, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 19.)

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Authorizing Study of Proposed Maine - Quebec Highway (H. P. 960) (L. D. 1086)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. JAMIESON of Aroostook
— of the Senate.

Messrs. FERGUSON of Hanover
PULLEN of Oakland
DENBOW of Lubec
CARTER of Etna
DUNN of Poland
HIGGINS of Scarborough
NADEAU of Biddeford

— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

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

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Reed.

Mr. REED: Madam Speaker, I move the acceptance of the majority "Ought to pass" report and request permission to make a few brief remarks regarding the resolve.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Reed, moves that the Majority Report "Ought to pass" be accepted.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. REED: Madam Speaker, I think that a few words of explanation regarding this resolve are in order at this time and I would like to explain what the resolve is about. The proposed Maine-Quebec highway is approximately an eighty mile road originating at a point in central Aroostook County somewhere between the towns of Ashland and Washburn and extending to the Quebec border west to the town of Lac Frontiere. This road has been talked of for many years. It was originally known as the grand scenic highway and would have been built during the WPA days if that work had continued. It recently has been revived and there has been a lot of activity on the part of the chambers of commerce in the central Aroostook area and they feel that the road has a great deal of merit. It has been unanimously recommended by the Maine Development Commission and some of the advantages which I would like to state at this time are:

No. 1. It gives us a new commercial outlet to the west and with the reality of the St. Lawrence Seaway, it is easy to visualize where in the future potatoes and other products of Aroostook County can be transported by truck to the St. Lawrence Seaway and there to the mid-western states up around the Great Lakes region. The tourist attraction also would be great in that area. It certainly would open up a brand new territory with a definitely scenic route as there are many lakes and virgin timber land in that area. And probably the greatest argument at the present time for the road is from the Civil Defense standpoint. Colonel Mapes, the Civil Defense head for Maine, is greatly interested in the project and he has taken it up with the Maine Congressional delegation in Washington and they are very much interest-

ed in it too. However, they felt that the initiative should come from the State level and they suggested that we draw up a resolve that would authorize and direct the Highway Commission to make a complete study and bring recommendations to the next session of legislature. That is what we have done. We have checked with the Highway Commission and they say the cost would be between five and ten thousand dollars. We, who are interested in the project, feel that that is a reasonable amount to spend on a project which would result in such a great benefit not only for Aroostook but for the entire State of Maine, and I hope that the majority "Ought to pass" report is accepted at this time. Thank you.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Madam Speaker, I do not wish to enlarge on what my colleague has said in regard to this proposed study but I do want to go on record as in favor of this resolve.

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

Mr. STILPHEN: Madam Speaker, I would like to ask that this item be placed on the table until next Wednesday.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, moves that the two reports and Resolve Authorizing Study of Proposed Maine - Quebec Highway, House Paper 960, Legislative Document 1086, be laid on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Reed, that the Majority Report "Ought to pass" be accepted and be specially assigned for next Wednesday, April 13. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the two Reports and Resolve were so tabled and assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of the Augusta Municipal Court" (S. P. 198) (L. D. 448)

Bill "An Act relating to Charges for Publication of Notices in Waldo County" (S. P. 233) (L. D. 569)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Kennebec Law Library" (S. P. 261) (L. D. 689)

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 relating to Approval of Dog Shelters" (S. P. 469) (L. D. 1312)

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

(On motion of Mr. Brockway of Milo, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 12.)

Bill "An Act relating to Examination of Dog Shelters" (S. P. 470) (L. D. 1313)

Bill "An Act relating to Academy Contracts" (S. P. 516) (L. D. 1409)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Equitable Loan Co." (H. P. 479) (L. D. 524)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the State Finance Co." (H. P. 480) (L. D. 525)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Time Finance Corporation of Maine" (H. P. 706) (L. D. 774)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Auto Finance Co." (H. P. 827) (L. D. 919)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Portland Thrift Company'" (H. P. 828) (L. D. 920)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Certain Forms of Dividend Life Insurance" (H. P. 1177) (L. D. 1417)

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

Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Making Insurance by Stock Companies" (H. P. 1178) (L. D. 1418)

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

Mr. Earles of South Portland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1178, L. D. 1418, Bill "An Act relating to Making Insurance by Stock Companies."

Amend said Bill by adding after the word and punctuation "payment;" in the 7th line thereof the following stricken out words: "but no risk on any 1 bottom or on 1 building and contents shall exceed 10% of its capital stock actually paid in"

House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Institutional Service to Convey to Portland Water District a Right-of-Way for a Pipeline from the Falmouth Shore to Mackworth Island in Portland Harbor, Casco Bay (S. P. 505) (L. D. 1386)

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

Third Reader Tabled

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey the Flowage Rights on Matagamon Lake, in Township 6, Range 9, W.E.L.S., Piscataquis County, to East Branch Improvement Company (S. P. 514) (L. D. 1407)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell.

Mr. ELWELL: Madam Speaker, I have been asked to seek information regarding L. D. 1407. I have asked two members of the Committee on Natural Resources if this information was available to them when they reported this bill out and they assured me that it was not. I have received leave from the House Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources to table this resolve unassigned. I so request that privilege and promise that I will take it off the table at the pleasure of the House Chairman.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, moves that this 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.

Resolve in favor of Raymond Butler of New Gloucester (H. P. 37) (L. D. 1422)

Resolve in favor of Cyril Swallow of South Paris (H. P. 95) (L. D. 1421)

Resolve in favor of Robert S. Robinson of Westbrook (H. P. 252) (L. D. 1423)

Resolve in favor of Philip Krisilos of Portland (H. P. 291) (L. D. 1424)

Resolve in favor of Helen M. Madson of Portland (H. P. 1171) (L. D. 1406)

Resolve providing for the Payment of Certain Pauper Claims (H. P. 1180) (L. D. 1420)

(Subsequently (H. P. 1180) (L. D. 1420) was tabled and assigned.)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of the Gardiner Municipal Court" (S. P. 355) (L. D. 964)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of the Gardiner Municipal Court" (S. P. 356) (L. D. 965)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Members of Advisory Committee on Budget" (S. P. 365) (L. D. 1061)

Bill "An Act Providing for Compensation for Members of the Board of Education of the City of Rockland" (S. P. 423) (L. D. 1169)

Bill "An Act relating to Kennel License Fees" (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1310)

Bill "An Act relating to the Keeping of Records by Persons in the Business of Selling Dogs" (S. P. 468) (L. D. 1311)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Mutual Finance Co.' " (H. P. 427) (L. D. 473)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Beacon Finance Company (H. P. 485) (L. D. 530)

Resolve in favor of Harriett and George L. Christianson of Portland (H. P. 38) (L. D. 1426)

Resolve relating to Night Fishing for Smelts in Long Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 478) (L. D. 523)

Resolve in favor of Claude Boyington, of Prentiss (H. P. 585) (L. D. 1425)

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

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

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

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. 95 members arose.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Lakeville Plantation, Mr. Dicker, has requested the yeas and nays. In order for the vote to be taken by the yeas and nays, it requires the consent of one-fifth of the members present.

As many as are in favor of having the vote taken by the yeas and nays will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A sufficient number arose.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Obviously more than one-fifth of the members present having arisen, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The act under consideration is An Act to Amend the Paris Village Corporation, House Paper 1073, Legislative Document 1268.

All those in favor of the passage to be enacted of this act as an emergency measure will respond to the roll call by saying aye, all those opposed to the passage will respond to the roll call by saying nay when their names are called.

The Clerk will call the roll.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lakeville Plantation, Mr. Dicker.

Mr. DICKER: Madam Speaker,—

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

(Conference at rostrum)

ROLL CALL

YEA — Allen, Anderson, Babineau, Baird, Beal, Bean, Bibber, Blanchard, Bowle, Bragdon, Briggs, Brockway, Brown, Baileyville; Carter, Etna; Carter, Newport; Caswell, Cates, Charles, Childs, Christie, Cianchette, Cole, Cook, Cormier, Cote, Lewiston; Cote, Madison; Courtois, Couture, Bath; Coyne, Crockett, Curtis, Davis, Calais; Davis, Westbrook; Denbow, Dicker, Dudley, Dumais, Dunn, Duquette, Earles, Edwards, Evans, Fay, Ferguson, Files, Finemore, Flynn, Foster, Fuller, China; Fuller, So. Portland; Gilmartin, Greenleaf, Hancock, Hanson, Gardiner; Harnden, Haughn, Henry, Higgins, Hilton, Howard, Jack, Jacobs, Jacques, Jennings, Jones, Kimball, Knight, Lamb, Latno, Lawry, Libby, Lindsay, Lord, Madore, Malenfant, Mann, Martin, Eagle Lake; Martin, W. Gardiner; Maxwell, McCluskey, McGlaufflin, Nadeau, Needham, Olpe, Osborne, Pierce, Pike, Porell, Pullen, Quinn, Reynolds, Rich, Roberts, Brooklin; Roberts, Dexter; Rogerson, Ross, Bath; Ross, Brownville; Roundy, Sanborn, Sanford, Shaw, Skolfield, Stanley, Bangor; Stanley, Hampden; Stanwood, Staples, Stilphen, Storm, Thomas, Valley, Wade, Walls, Walsh, Walter, Whiting, Willey, Williams, Winchenpaw, Woodworth, Trafton.

ABSENT — Albert, Alden, Anthoine, Bernier, Brewster, Browne, Bangor; Call, Couture, Lewiston; Cyr, Dostie, Edgar, Elwell, Foss, Gardner, Getchell, Greene, Hatfield, Kinch, Letourneau, MacDonald, Michaud, Palmeter, Potter, Reed, Sansoucy, Seaward, Soule, Totman, Wadleigh.

Yes 120, No none, Absent 29.

The SPEAKER pro tem: One hundred and twenty having voted in the affirmative and none having voted in the negative, twenty-nine being absent, one hundred and twenty being more than two-thirds of all the elected members of the House, this Bill is now passed to be enacted. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

At this point Speaker Trafton returned to the rostrum.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, to her seat on the floor, amid the applause of the House, and Speaker Trafton resumed the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to thank the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, and would like to say for the record once again we have proof of the need for more ladies in politics. (Applause)

Finally Passed Emergency Measure

Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Fifty-five and Nineteen Hundred Fifty-six (H. P. 1154) (L. D. 1368)

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

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Time of Pre-serving Ballots and Check Lists as Public Records (S. P. 400) (L. D. 1114)

An Act relating to Public Hearings for Public Utilities (S. P. 506) (L. D. 1396)

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 and Assigned

An Act relating to Payments of Beneficiary Societies of Children (S. P. 511) (L. D. 1401)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, to kindly approach the rostrum and the House may be at ease.

(Conference at rostrum)

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

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

Thereupon, on motion of that gentleman the Bill on its passage to be enacted was tabled pending passage and specially assigned for tomorrow, April 8.

An Act relating to Trial Terms in Knox and Oxford Counties (S. P. 512) (L. D. 1400)

An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Certain Officials (H. P. 83) (L. D. 80)

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

An Act relating to Tuition of Students Living on Chebeague Island, Cumberland County (H. P. 527) (L. D. 586)

An Act relating to Dealer and Transit Vehicle Registration (H. P. 615) (L. D. 623)

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

An Act relating to Trespass on Land of Another (H. P. 1166) (L. D. 1399)

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Eugene F. Young of South Portland (S. P. 265) (L. D. 1395)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if any member wishes to consider one of these enactors separately from the others?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Item 8 on page 3, I move that we reconsider our action on that item this morning when we accepted the unfavorable report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman to kindly defer unless he is referring to Item 8 under Enactors.

Mr. MARTIN: No, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon, the Bills were passed to be enacted, Resolve finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our action on Item 8 on page 3 of the journal taken earlier this morning on Resolve Authorizing Aroostook County Commissioners to Compensate Tax Collector in Township 17, Range 5.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Resolve Authorizing Aroostook County Commissioners to Compensate Tax Collector in Township 17, Range 5, House Paper 690, Legislative Document 758. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, this resolve only concerns one person, a Mrs. Damboise, and does not concern any large amount of money, fifteen cents for each collection which she makes in her home. She would like to get four per cent of what she collects and I believe that that is very reasonable. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move that we substitute the Resolve for the Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, moves that Resolve Authorizing Aroostook County Commissioners to Compensate Tax Collector in Township 17, Range 5 be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve was substituted for the Report, given its first reading and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

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

Mr. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, to refer to Item 21 on page 5.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman care to make a motion?

Mr. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, I had intended to table that until Tuesday next.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if the gentleman wishes the House to reconsider the action in passing that resolve to be engrossed and then lay it on the table?

Mr. CARTER: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Newport, Mr. Carter, moves on Item 21, Resolve providing for the Payment of Certain Pauper Claims, House Paper 1180, Legislative Document 1420, that the House reconsider its action of earlier this morning whereby it passed that resolve to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, on further motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve was tabled pending passage to be engrossed and was specially assigned for Tuesday, April 12.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Removal of the Old Vaughan Bridge," House Paper 141, Legislative Document 141, tabled on April 1 by the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As you know, the old log bridge between Portland and South Portland has been replaced by the new Fore River Bridge. A new draft of this bill has been agreed upon by all interested parties. The old Vaughan Bridge and its approaches are a public highway. I move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Highways so they may consider and act upon this new draft.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, moves that the Report and Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Highways, the bill being Bill "An Act relating to Removal of the Old Vaughan Bridge." Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to the Relocation of Water Pipes in State and State Aid Highways, House Paper 877, Legislative Document 985, tabled on April 1 by the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Jack, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. JACK: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As there is a similar bill coming before us in the near future, I would like to assign this bill for Thursday, April 21.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state for the information of the members of the House that when a bill is tabled and specially assigned, that action of assigning to a particular date can not be reconsidered and it is sometimes an involved procedure to bring the matter up for earlier consideration if that is desirable.

The gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Jack, moves that the second item of unfinished business lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 21. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Tax Only Upon Difference Between Sale Price of Purchased Aircraft and Sale Price of Aircraft Traded in," House Paper 800, Legislative Document 874, tabled on April 1 by the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: When I tabled this bill I had the idea of possibly getting some arguments

and substituting the Bill for the Report. But I realize the Taxation Committee has a lot of exempt bills and have got to draw the line somewhere. However, I would like to point out that there are several inequities in the tax exemption laws and this is one of them. For instance, in comparison to aircraft with automobiles and I personally feel that the aircraft trade is being penalized whereas they do pay a portion of the gasoline tax that does go into the highways. They also have to pay the excise tax on the full amount of the purchase price and they do not receive the same benefits as the automobile dealers and purchasers do. I just point these things out at this time and I now move the acceptance of the Committee Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, moves that the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee on this bill 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 lays before the House the fourth item of unfinished business, Bill "An Act relating to School Age in Public Schools", House Paper 54, Legislative Document 60, tabled on April 1 by the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, pending assignment for third reading and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I had an amendment prepared to offer on this bill but in conversations yesterday I find that there have been some other thoughts considered here and the committee would like to have this bill recommitted to the Committee on Education and I therefore move that it be recommitted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, moves that Bill "An Act relating to School Age in Public Schools" be recommitted to the Committee on Education. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was re-

committed to the Committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth item of unfinished business, An Act relating to Qualifications of Applicants for Registration as Licensed Physicians or Surgeons, Senate Paper 64, Legislative Document 177, tabled on April 1 by the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, pending passage to be enacted and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not think I have any more questions on the bill. The questions that were in my mind have been satisfactorily answered and I now move that this bill be passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, moves that An Act relating to Qualifications of Applicants for Registration as Licensed Physicians or Surgeons, Senate Paper 64, Legislative Document 177, 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?

It was so ordered and 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 sixth item of unfinished business, Bill "An Act relating to Checking Speed of Motor Vehicles by Electrical Devices", House Paper 109, Legislative Document 117, tabled on April 5 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, pending the motion of the gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton, to indefinitely postpone.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker, due to the absence of the sponsor of this bill, I move that it lie on the table until tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, moves that this bill lie on the table pending the previous motion 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: The Chair lays before the House the seventh item of unfinished business, An Act Providing for Reapportionment of Active Retired Justices, Senate Paper 157, Legislative Document 351, tabled on April 5 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, pending passage to be enacted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Due to the absence of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, I move that this bill lie on the table until tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, moves that this bill lie on the table pending passage to be enacted and be specially assigned for tomorrow. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are entering the balcony of the House 220 students from the Seventh and Eighth Grades of the Frisbee School in Kittery, under the supervision of their principal Mr. Kenney and other teachers.

On behalf of the House to this large group the Chair extends a hearty and cordial welcome and hopes that you will go into committee hearings this afternoon, and learn all that you can learn today and that it proves profitable. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Purchase of the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge", House Paper 410, Legislative Document 457, tabled on March 23 by the gentleman

from Bremen, Mr. Hilton, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. HILTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Due to some additional information which we would like to present to the committee and with the full approval of the Highway Committee, I would like to ask that this bill be recommitted to the Highway Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton, moves that the Report and Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Highways. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Transportation 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", House Paper 725, Legislative Document 789, tabled on March 24 by the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There is another bill, a tolerance bill, covering state wide which will take care of this section of highway. I ask permission to have this bill retabled until Thursday, April 21.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, moves that the Report and Bill lie on the tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 21. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, An Act relating to Fees of Deputy Sheriffs in Attendance at Court, Senate Paper 86, Legislative Document 175,

tabled on March 30 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, pending passage to be enacted and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, under suspension of the rules, I move that we reconsider our action whereby this matter was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that under suspension of the rules the House reconsider its action whereby on March 22, 1955 it passed to be engrossed Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Deputy Sheriffs in Attendance at Court," Senate Paper 86, Legislative Document 175. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I now offer an amendment. The amendment does two things. First of all, part of this bill applies to the Supreme Court messenger in Cumberland County which is covered by another section and chapter in our 1954 Revised Statutes. Number two, it exempts Cumberland County from this particular provision because Cumberland County has a situation of its own which means that the Superior Court messenger is on duty at all times and an injustice would certainly take place if this particular law was passed. I therefore submit House Amendment "B" and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, 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 S. P. 86, L. D. 175, Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Deputy Sheriffs in Attendance at Court."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the sixth line thereof after the word "counties" the underlined words "except as provided in section 14 of Chapter 103"

Further amend said Bill by adding the following underlined sentence:

'The Superior Court messenger of Cumberland County shall also receive \$10 per day for court vacation time, service and attendance when said service and attendance are authorized by a Justice of the Superior Court.'

House Amendment "B" was adopted.

Thereupon, the Bill, having had its three several readings in the House and on which the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading has reported no further verbal amendments are necessary, was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and House Amendment "B" in non-concurrence and was sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve Providing for Construction of a Substitute Road in Howland, House Paper 356, Legislative Document 394, tabled on March 30 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: At this time I would like to pay my respects to Mr. Rich, the gentleman from Charleston, whom I admire. It does not matter to me one way or the other what action the House will take this morning on this bill. I wish him to know that I hope we can always remain friends, that is the way I would like to have it.

Now the questions which I asked last week in regards to the road resolve L. D. 394 have been answered only in part. Now the price tag on this new road of 2.2 miles is estimated to cost roughly \$116,160, or \$10.00 per lineal foot. Of this amount twenty-five per cent or \$29,040 is chargeable under the bridge act to the State, the balance of \$87,120 is obligated to the County and to the Town of Howland. Now I am not at all interested in the amount which the county and the town will spend, that is purely a local issue. I am, however, interested in the amount of what it would cost the State. This amount of \$29,040 which represents the cost of this particular road to the State must either come from the general highway funds or from a separate appropriation, and

since this resolve did not go before the Appropriations Committee, then it must be assumed that the general highway funds will be obligated. I have been asked why I am so interested in this particular road. My answer to that question is very simple. I am not interested in any degree in this road. I am, however, very interested in the principles involved which to me appear very evident. I have asked the question, and I still wish to know, why this act in its entirety was brought before the Highway Committee and this House of Representatives under Sections 108 to 116 of Chapter 23. This is, as we all know, the Bridge Act, and since I have been informed by the Highway Commission there are no bridges on this particular road, I fail to see how this could be incorporated under any bridge act at this time or any other time.

Now I feel that this whole resolve was dressed up to mislead the members of this legislature. If this substitute road is necessary to replace the old road which is claimed to be under water at various times of the year, why should not the burden of replacing be the responsibility of the power company which I am given to understand is directly responsible for controlling the river in this section. If this is a fact, then it must be agreed that the accountability of correcting the condition which is not at all happy should be charged to the power company and not to the taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, basing my opinion on the merits and intention of the whole question, I have no other alternative than to move that this resolve L. D. 394 together with all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, moves that L. D. 394, Resolve Providing for Construction of a Substitute Road in Howland, be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich.

Mr. RICH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In view of the fact that my resolve L. D. 394 has been questioned by the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, I would like to have time to

attempt to clear up any questions that there may be in the minds of any of you. I had the essential facts of this resolve as I see them printed and placed upon your desk. Also a map of the State of Maine. We will shortly, therefore, have a short lesson in geography. If you would turn to your maps I think you can all find Bangor.

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease while the members get out their maps.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. RICH: Mr. Speaker, now if you follow Route 15 in a northwesterly direction about 25 miles you may be able to find Charleston which is the center of the universe to me as I have lived there for nearly three quarters of a century. Turning right from Charleston you may follow Route 11 for about 25 miles to Howland at the confluence of the Piscataquis and Penobscot Rivers. I happen to represent the most of the area in Penobscot County north of Old Town between Route 15 and the Penobscot River, ten small townships. Perhaps some of you will remember a statement made by a member of the 96th Legislature that he represented a certain town in Waldo County and thought that he represented it well. Well like Mr. Peevee in the Great Gildersleeve on the radio, I think many of you have heard, well I would not say that, but I do represent Howland, and Howland has some problems. For more than half a century this has been a pulp mill town, and now it has lost its mill and the town is in rather tough shape. Their tax rate was 100 mills last year and I understand it will be still higher this year. They have built some modern school buildings and acquired a debt. A lot of other towns are in the same condition, so what? Well now Howland has a road problem. Please look at your map again and you will see a road number 116 going north from Howland along the west banks of the Penobscot. About half a mile above the village there is a fairly large stream flowing into the Penobscot requiring a rather large bridge, and about two miles further up the

river there is another bridge. Much of the road between these two bridges is on low sloping ground and very close to the river, you can almost stand with one foot on the road and one foot in the river. When the snow melts in the spring or when the road is flooded from — like last summer from heavy rains, this road is flooded and the river cuts into the banks of the road and the town has to haul in rocks and gravel to fill the washouts, and the next heavy rain and flood carries the gravel down stream. Now I have been told by the Manager of the Bangor Hydro Company that that Bangor Hydro dam has nothing to do with flooding this river. I could not vouch for that but that is what the gentleman told me. The Selectmen of Howland tell me that they spent \$1500 last summer repairing these washouts and this is an annual expense. If you look at your map again you can see that we can go in a northwesterly direction along the north bank of the Piscataquis for a mile or so on a good road along the north bank of the Piscataquis River, and then cut off to the right a road right through the woods, and I understand that this woods is of very small growth so that there wouldn't be any great expense in clearing this right of way, and meet route 116 along the Penobscot and eliminate those two bridges and the section of road that is now overflowed. The length of this new section is about 2.2 miles, and the estimated cost is given by the paper on your desk. Now what is the importance of this road? There is a vast amount of wood and lumber in the region between Howland and Millinocket, it is estimated that there is one hundred million feet of lumber in this region which should come out over this road. One hundred million feet of lumber is a lot of timber, even at five cents a foot it comes to five million dollars. If that lumber comes out over this road some of this money, probably quite a lot of it, will be spent in Howland, and Enfield and Passadumkeag and Olamont for cutting, yarding, trucking, sawing, and so forth. I am told that the Champlain Box Company in Olamont just down the river a little ways uses about two million

feet per year, and this lumber should come out over this road.

Another point in favor of this road is the fact that route 116 is an alternate route from Bangor to northern Maine. If you look at your map again you will see that route 116 starts near Old Town and goes along the west bank of the Penobscot, through Howland, and about 55 miles north of Old Town it hits the road to Millinocket and also route 11 which goes clear through to Fort Kent. There is a definite feeling I understand among military men that if we become involved in another war, one of the places most likely to be attacked is our military installations in Aroostook County. In such case think of the strategic importance of another route besides the one now generally used on the east bank of the Penobscot. This short piece of road north of Howland I am told is the weakest point in the entire system. Surely it should be made usable at all times without delay.

Now I want to answer another of the gentleman's questions: why build a piece of road under the bridge act? Last November the Selectmen of Howland wrote me that they would like to see me and I went over there and we discussed this proposition of building this substitute road. I went over the road with them, and suggested we take it up with the County Commissioners. We met with the Commissioners and they told us that they had no authority to spend county funds to build roads, but could help build bridges under certain conditions. I brought forth the argument that this road would eliminate two bridges and would be cheaper for the county and the state. Their reply was that I would have to get an enabling act through the Legislature authorizing them to do so, hence L. D. 394.

This legislation has been approved by the State Highway Commission, reported out unanimously "Ought to pass" by your Highway Committee. The question raised about a public utility dam I find has little or nothing to do with the condition of the road. I take issue with the statement that only about 23 cars per day pass over the road in the summertime. There were lots of days last fall and

winter when no cars could get over the road. Mr. Weymouth of the Highway Department tells me that their figures show an average of 60 cars per day. Now make this road usable at all times and undoubtedly the travel over this road will be much greater. Fifteen or twenty thousands cords of pulpwood and five million feet of logs per year will load a good many trucks. I believe that this is a good resolve, and will benefit a lot of people and save money for the Town of Howland, at least \$9,000 to Penobscot County and probably \$20,000 or \$30,000 to the State of Maine. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, that the Resolve be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: After hearing these two gentlemen who I believe are both sincere and both believe in what they are presenting, I trust this motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail because I would like to get more information on it, but I do not feel as a member of this Legislature that I am qualified at this time to vote for it and if this motion does not prevail I would like to make a motion to table it for a few days longer because I want to find out more about it.

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

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Mr. Rich, the gentleman from Charleston, my good friend, mentioned the fact that the town of Howland was in rather bad financial circumstances and this road apparently is going to cost them a good deal more than the \$6,950 as this is stated on this piece of paper which we find on our desks. You heard the figure of the gentleman from Mt. Desert, Mr. Reynolds, of \$10 a foot. I talked with a contractor who does a lot of work for the State of Maine last night, he knows the road very well, and he said he would not want to take a contract to build it for less

than \$100,000. The road, if you will notice on this map which we find on your desks, if you follow up route 16 a little further you will find across the river a new bridge which was put in there four years ago, known as the Mr. House Bridge. It so happens though that the monitor in this section was very instrumental in getting that bridge. That bridge takes the wood across the river and onto the tarred road so that there is very little of the pulpwood going to the Great Northern that ever comes down over this particular road that Mr. Rich, the gentleman from Charleston, is talking about. The bridge carries the wood across the river onto the tarred road to Millinocket. The bridges that are there in the present road are sufficient apparently to carry the traffic that comes over it. There is apparently no need for new bridges, even though this bill is put in under the bridge act, and the road is used mostly by people going up there hunting woodcock, going up there in the spring fiddleheading. There is only one house on the road. That man living in that one house when he goes out as a general rule goes up the road to the north and across the bridge and out in that way. During the hurricane the road was under water. A good many of our roads were under water. Route 2, parts of Route 1 were under water, but we are not putting in a new road just because they were under water. During the fall freshet when the ice was running and piled up on the dam and made an ice jam and the road was under water. We had the same conditions at Niagara Falls but we are not eliminating Niagara Falls. I sincerely hope that the motion of Mr. Reynolds, the gentleman from Mount Desert, to indefinitely postpone this measure prevails.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We of the Committee gave this bill a great deal of consideration. As you notice it was sponsored by Mr. Rich, the gentleman from Charleston, and all the members of this House who know Mr. Rich, have got a great

deal of faith in his judgment. Then we always like to get down on the local level, the people close to the problem in deciding our bills before our Committee. We had as proponents of this bill, Mr. Rich, the gentleman from Charleston, who is the sponsor, Mr. Currie who is the First Selectman of Howland, Mr. Dudley who is Second Selectman of Howland, Representative Dudley, the gentleman from Enfield, who is right down on the ground and close to these problems. We had Stan Weymouth from the Highway Department and the Attorney General, Smith Dunnack. The reason why we went along with this resolve, we felt that it would be helping the Town of Howland a great deal, plus the county and the State. If this piece of highway is constructed it will save the State a good deal of money by not constructing the bridges.

It has been asked quite a few times why is this highway going to be constructed under the bridge act? That is the very purpose of this resolve so as to make it possible for the funds to be used under the bridge act and build this road. We have had some opposition since this came out, some people have approached me and told me the cause of the flood was caused by the Bangor Hydro, the electric company having the dam on the river. And what I find out is that they would also have to carry this burden too by perhaps increased taxation on their property there. I do not believe we can blame the dam on that river for an act of God when we have heavy rain storms and ice comes down, we have these problems a good many places in the State. I might say to one or two questions that Mr. Reynolds, the gentleman from Mount Desert, had before the House here the other day, one of them I have already answered that is why the road has been flooded, I should say an act of God, and when any company, whether it be the fish hatchery or a hydro electric plant they have certain rights, they can build their dam so high and then if we get too much rain down over the highways they become flooded and there is not too much we can do about it.

I might say that there was nobody outside of Stan Weymouth and Smith Dunnack who appeared before our Committee, and that was for the reason of giving some information as to figures. These figures I am not going to refer to them, you all have them on your desk and you can refer to them.

We have been told that there is an average of 60 cars a day over this highway, that is what we had in our Committee. I believe those figures are accurate. I would like to say I have great faith in Mr. Rich, the gentleman from Charleston, and Mr. Dudley, the gentleman from Enfield, and the local municipal officers who appeared before us at that hearing, and I certainly hope that the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, that this resolve be indefinitely postponed. The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Mr. Speaker, with your permission I would like to have the chance at this moment to sort of defend myself a little bit on the statements that have been made.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if the gentleman wishes to speak now as a matter of privilege or does he wish to address the House on the merits and have it count as a second speech?

Mr. REYNOLDS: That is right, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have listened very attentively to what the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich, has said and also to what the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, has said, and I still do not think it was proper to bring this issue before the House under the bridge act. We are laying ourselves open if we do that for every town in the state to rightly come before this Legislature or any Legislature and do the same thing, pass a road resolve under the bridge act. If they do that, and this act is passed, I fail to see how we

can ever turn down any other deservng town no matter what town or the circumstances.

On the question that has been raised about the dam which is known as the West Enfield Dam. The dam was constructed by a power company. I remember very distinctly that when the dam was built just beyond Mattawamkeag on the left hand side of the road going into Medway and Millinocket it was constructed by the Great Northern Paper Company. At that time it became necessary to change a tremendous amount of road and the cost to the state was nothing, the Great Northern Paper Company carried the burden one hundred cents on the dollar. If this particular situation is developed and it becomes a burden on the electric light company who has the dam at West Enfield known as the West Enfield Dam, then the cost of any new roads which might be furnished should surely be a burden upon that company, and not on the taxpayers of Howland, Penobscot County or this State. I have in my hand a book which is put out called the "Penobscot River," put out by the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission and Department of the Inland Fisheries and Game. In West Enfield this is stated, that this report goes to press, and this is October 13, 1954, the West Enfield Dam is being reconstructed by the power company. It would seem to me that by replacing the duck boards or splash boards on the dam, the light company does control the flowage on the river, and any damages whatsoever to property regardless of who owns it, the responsibility or accountability, whatever you want to call it, should be borne one hundred per cent by the power company and not by the taxpayers. Now it makes no difference to me whether this act is postponed or not. I wanted at this time to bring it before the House just to show how it would be possible for other towns in the future to come before the House and ask for a stretch of road to be built under the bridge act when there are no bridges on the road.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Warren, Mr. McCluskey.

Mr. McCLUSKEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We have been speaking about economy here and I think this is a good chance to start it. To me this is nothing but the old pork barrel again. Many of my roads in my sections are so full of holes that they won't hold water, and they need fixing, and I certainly think this is the time to draw the line and practice a little economy, and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, prevails.

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

Mr. McGLAULIN: Mr. Speaker, having heard the discussion, I wish to say that I am against indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As you know I am quite a man to watch correct figures, and evidently we are not getting them on this. As you will notice on this paper put on our desk this morning, it says the cost of this road would be \$25,000, and at this time I would very briefly like to ask through the Chair if any member of the Highway Committee wishes to answer, if Mr. Weymouth of the Highway Department did not say at the hearing that the cost of this road would be, putting it very small, \$44,000 at the very least?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, addresses a question through the Chair to any member of the Highway Committee, any member of the Highway Committee may answer if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, that is true, that \$25,000 figure was for opening a road through there, it would be passable, but to bring it up to what they considered a well-travelled gravel road it would be in the vicinity of \$44,000. Mr. Finemore, the gentleman from Bridgewater, is right.

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

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker, just to correct an error and take the Fish and Game Department off the hook, the statement that Mr. Reynolds, the gentleman from Mount Desert, read in regard to dam was a misprint, it should have been fish-way I think.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not think this question should be decided on the right of towns coming to ask the Legislature anything. I heartily disagree with the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, that it would open the way for the towns to come to this Legislature or any Legislature. I humbly submit that it is the right of any town to come to any Legislature and to ask for anything that they in their judgment see fit to ask. After all, this Legislature is here to serve the people, the towns and municipalities, and not to serve just themselves, and I wish to table this until next Tuesday until such time as I and the others can make further study of it.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, moves that this matter lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, for indefinite postponement and be specially assigned for Tuesday next, April 12. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that this matter lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, that it be indefinitely postponed, will indicate their preference by saying aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, that the Resolve be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich.

Mr. RICH: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say a word or two. The figure of \$25,000 is the figure sub-

mitted to me by Mr. Weymouth of the Highway Department as the cost of a usable road. I admit that a road with state specifications would cost considerably more, but talking with members of the Board of Selectmen in Howland last Saturday, they told me that they would be content with a road through there. They also told me yesterday that two bridges would have to be built this summer if we did not allow them to put across this substitute bill. I would also like to state that we are merely enabling the County Commissioners to go in with the State and I believe Penobscot County has some able commissioners. The Chairman of the Board is Raymond Campbell of Garland who served two terms in this House and some of you know him. Another member of that Board of County Commissioners is R. Leon Williams of Clifton who I believe served three terms in this House, two in the Senate and seven years on the Governor's Council. The other member I am not so well acquainted with, but he is a good sound business man in Bangor, and I think you are leaving this in safe hands if you pass this bill and leave it with the County Commissioners, your State Highway Commission and the Town Officials of the Town of Howland to work this thing out. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As I am very interested in highway problems and situations I am very much against the principle of this bill. My town and I am sure practically every town in the State could come in here with a resolve and come up with some beautiful arguments in favor of it. There are all kinds of things that could be said and all of the Selectmen would appear and you could get all kinds of assistance. I kind of question the Highway Committee's reporting this out as they did, especially where this would be as I see it necessarily a state highway or at least a state aid highway, therefore leaving it for the state or state aid funds to maintain thereafter.

Another argument that I would have against the bill would be if there are millions of feet of lumber in there, possibly we are building this for some lumber interest to get out their lumber. Most lumber and pulp wood operators build their own roads. Another point to bring out if the town is spending \$1500 a year just to maintain something because of high water, in twenty years time they could write off their request here of \$25,000 and build it themselves. Thank you.

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

Mr. BROCKWAY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to say I am very familiar with the situation up there at Howland and I would like to concur with everything the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich, has said. I hope that the motion of indefinite postponement does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, that this resolve be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the issue here is slightly clouded and perhaps a lot of us would refrain from voting if we did not have more facts and figures, and in view of that viewpoint I would like to make a motion that this be tabled until next Tuesday to give us a little more time to get the facts and figures.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, moves that Resolve Providing for Construction of a Substitute Road in Howland, House Paper 356, Legislative Document 394, be tabled pending the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, for indefinite postponement and be specially assigned for next Tuesday, April 12. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

All those in favor will kindly indicate by saying aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe that the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, is probably quite correct that the facts are quite confusing to a great many of you. I, therefore, want to go under the assumption myself that this was given a full hearing before the Highway Committee and before I will upset a committee report I would have to be fully convinced that the other side was right so when the vote is taken, I shall go along with the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, that Resolve Providing for Construction of a Substitute Road in Howland, House Paper 356 Legislative Document 394, be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I request a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, requests a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Reynolds, to postpone indefinitely any further consideration of this Resolve will kindly rise and remain standing in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-eight having voted in the affirmative and forty-four having voted in the negative, the Resolve was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for a Law School, House Paper 771, Legislative Document 856, tabled on March 31 by the gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Maxwell, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MAXWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Although I

feel that this bill has a great deal of merit it also carries a price tag of \$135,000 the first year and \$35,000 a year thereafter. I do not feel that I can with a clear conscience attempt to reverse the committee's decision and later on in the session advocate the economy and allocation of funds to institutions in education, which I feel are necessary. Therefore, I move that the report of the committee be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Maxwell, moves that the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for a Law School 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 lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Superintendents of Schools," House Paper 287, Legislative Document 300, tabled on March 31 by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of the same gentleman, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the seventh tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve in favor of George A. Brazdon of Lincoln, House Paper 157, tabled on March 31 by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like a little more time on this resolve and therefore I move that it be retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, April 21.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, moves that the Report and Resolve

be tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 21. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the eighth tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve relating to Construction of a Road and Terminal in City of Rockland, House Paper 518, Legislative Document 581, tabled on April 1 by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. STILPHEN: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that further information has been made available and with the full knowledge of the Appropriations Committee, I move that this be recommitted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, moves that this Resolve with accompanying papers be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the ninth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Education in Unorganized Territory", Senate Paper 151, Legislative Document 345, tabled on April 5 by the gentleman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, pending third reading and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker, to clarify the terminology I now offer House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, moves that under suspension of the rules the House reconsider its action whereby on April 1 it adopted Committee Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The same gentlewoman then offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A", to S. P. 151, L. D. 345, Bill "An Act relating to Education in Unorganized Territory."

Amend said Amendment by striking out from the fourth line thereof the words "the Unorganized Territory School Fund" and inserting in place thereof the words "the general fund of the state."

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto was adopted and the Bill was given its third reading.

Thereupon, the Bill, having had its three several readings in the House and the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading having reported that no further verbal amendments were necessary, was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the tenth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" in New Draft, House Paper 1179, Legislative Document 1419, of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fees for Farm Trucks," House Paper 691, Legislative Document 759, tabled on April 6 by the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of that gentleman the Committee Report was accepted, the Bill was read twice and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the eleventh tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Employment of Females," House Paper 1173, Legis-

lative Document 1411, tabled on April 6 by the gentleman from China, Mr. Fuller, pending third reading and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In order to have this bill comply with the federal regulations which are now in effect, I offer an amendment and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from China, Mr. Fuller, offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1173, L. D. 1411, Bill "An Act relating to the Employment of Females."

Amend said bill by striking out the underlined words and figures **"in any one or more telephone exchanges employing more than 3 operators"** in the 9th and 10th lines of Section 1, thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined words and figures **"in any telephone exchange which has more than 750 stations"**

Further amend said bill by striking out the underlined words and figures **"in any of one or more telephone exchanges employing more than 3 operators"** in the 7th, 8th and 9th lines of Section 3, thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined words and figures **"in any telephone exchange which has more than 750 stations"**

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the twelfth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Hunting for Raccoons at Night," House Paper 535, Legislative Document 592, tabled on April 6 by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, pending passage to be engrossed and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of that gentleman, the House voted, under suspension of the rules, to reconsider its action of March 30 whereby

it adopted House Amendment "A."

The same gentleman then offered House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

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

Amend said amendment in the last line by striking out the underlined word and figure **"September 1st."** and inserting in place thereof the underlined word and figure **"August 15th."**

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

House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto was then adopted.

Thereupon, the Bill, having had its three several readings in the House and the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading having reported that no further verbal amendments were necessary, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the thirteenth tabled and today assigned matter, An Act relating to Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspections, Senate Paper 235, Legislative Document 571, tabled on April 6 by the gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, pending passage to be enacted and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker, under suspension of the rules, I move that we reconsider our action on Item 13 for the purpose of considering an amendment and I would like the privilege of making a few brief remarks on that amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, moves that, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsider its action of March 31 whereby Legislative Document 571, Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspections" was passed to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, Mr. Cook of Portage Lake offered House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S. P. 235, L. D. 571, Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspections."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined amount "10c" in the 4th line of the 4th paragraph, and inserting in place thereof the underlined amount "25c"

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined amount "\$1" in the 3rd line from the end, and inserting in place thereof the underlined amount "75c"

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

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

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: I merely would like to state what this amendment does. I do not at this time care to argue the case of this amendment as I intend to table this to give those who perhaps would care to oppose this amendment a chance to gather any facts that they would care to in regard to it. The act as it now stands provides for the State to sell stickers to these inspection stations at five cents, and that they shall charge fifty cents to the public for this inspection service. This bill, L. D. 571, would change that from five cents to ten cents, and the fee to the public from fifty cents to one dollar. My amendment would change that ten cents to twenty-five cents, and would change the fifty cents to seventy-five cents rather than the dollar. I should now like to table this until Tuesday next.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portage Lake, Mr. Cook, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspections," Senate Paper 235, Legislative Document 571, lie on the table pending adoption of House Amendment "B" and be specially assigned for Tuesday next, April 12. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourteenth tabled and today assigned matter, An Act Regulating Closing-Out Sales and Similar Types of Sales, House Paper 297, Legislative Document 280, tabled on April 6 by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, pending passage to be enacted and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Having gained the information I needed in regard to this bill, I now move its passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, now moves that this act be passed to be enacted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the 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 it is truly and strictly engrossed, it was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifteenth tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve Prohibiting Use of Fish as Bait in Certain Lakes in Aroostook County, House Paper 782, Legislative Document 865, tabled on April 6 by the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, pending final passage and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Under suspension of the rules, I move that we reconsider our action whereby we passed this measure to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that this matter has never been enacted. It was engrossed.

Mr. POTTER: Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, I mean passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, moves that, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsider its action whereby on March 29 the House passed to be engrossed Resolve Prohibiting Use of Fish as Bait in

Certain Lakes in Aroostook County. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Potter of Medway then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 782, L. D. 865, Resolve Prohibiting Use of Fish as Bait in Certain Lakes in Aroostook County.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the punctuation and words "and be it further" in the 3rd line from the end.

Further amend said Resolve by striking out all of the last paragraph thereof.

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve, having had its two several readings in the House and the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading having reported that no further verbal amendments are necessary, was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Edgar of Bar Harbor was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. EDGAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Perhaps in giving voice to my feelings of the moment I shall be like the still small voice crying in the wilderness, but be that as it may I cannot resist the compulsion to speak. The occasion for my speaking now is or was the appearance in a recent morning paper of an editorial bearing the title "Is the Maine GOP Befuddled?" Most of you probably read that editorial, and I hope it created in you the same reaction that it did in me. As a Republican member of this Legislature I, for one, am sick and tired of being labelled befuddled, bewildered and confused. If there were justification for this label I would have no right to feel as I do, but in my opinion, we here are conducting ourselves as any group of sincere and conscientious legislators should. Are we confused, or are we not rather probing and exploring every possible course of action before endorsing any one particular course? Are we bewildered or are we not rather

undecided as yet on the best answers to the problems confronting us? Is a doctor confused when, in making a diagnosis, he slowly and carefully examines all the symptoms before reaching any final decision? Is a judge bewildered if he conscientiously deliberates the evidence submitted by all parties before rendering a verdict? If these be confusion and bewilderment, then I gladly accept those labels. However, I believe that my terminology much more accurately describes the situation. The same editorial criticizes us on the count that we have offered little in the way of constructive counter-proposals to the program set forth by Governor Muskie. Up to this point in the current session of the Legislature that is perhaps quite true, but my answer to that would be to say, "What's the hurry, Mr. Editor, would you prefer a Republican program that was thrown together and presented to the people of this State without the most careful and deliberate consideration of its merits, or would you rather see this Legislature produce a program that was the result of days and weeks of exhaustive study and debate? In which program could you and the people of this State place the greatest amount of confidence?" No, ladies and gentlemen, we are not really befuddled or confused. We are merely doing our job in the most sincere and conscientious way possible, and the Republican party need feel no shame nor should you as individuals for the way the job is being done. Thank You.

(Applause)

On motion of the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, the House voted to take from the table the tenth 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, tabled on March 30 by that gentleman pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I be-

lieve that I have the necessary information that the Committee on Transportation desired and with their permission I now move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Transportation.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, moves that the Report and Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Transportation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on Transportation and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. EARLES: Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence and that of the members of the House, I would like to refer back to the first order of business this morning on page 1, namely the acceptance of the Senate Report "Ought not to pass," Item 1, which relates to the report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on a bill "An Act relating to Municipal Court Costs." Under suspension of the rules I would request and move that this bill be tabled unassigned, and if I may, I will remark briefly on the basis for that.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Earles, moves that the House reconsider its action of earlier this morning whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Court Costs," Senate Paper 465, Legislative Document 1316. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Earles.

Mr. EARLES: Mr. Speaker, the basis for requesting the tabling is simply that the actual sponsors of the bill, the particular sponsor of the bill, may bring forward a possible amendment and also possible additional material, and it is felt that with this opportunity of laying it on the table unassigned, it may be accomplished in a couple of days rather than specifically assign it

and possibly wait two or three days, and I so move.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Earles, moves that the Report and Bill 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.

On motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Bean, the House voted to take from the table the eighth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Displaying Names of Owners and Lessees on Truck Tractors," House Paper 972, Legislative Document 1098, tabled on March 29 by that gentleman pending first reading.

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

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker, if it is in order at this time, I wish to present an amendment and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that amendments would be in order after the first and second readings.

Thereupon, the Bill was read twice.

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

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment "A" and move its adoption. I would like to state that this amendment has been cleared with the sponsor of the bill and with the committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 972, L. D. 1098, Bill "An Act Displaying Names of Owners and Lessees on Truck Tractors."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the last line the underlined figure "3" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "2½"

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, and would suggest that after the next matter is disposed of a motion to adjourn would be in order.

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Item seven of unfinished business on motion of the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, was laid on the table and specially assigned for tomorrow and I would like to ask unanimous consent to have that reassigned with the permission of the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, to Wednesday, April 13.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would suggest that perhaps a better method of procedure would be for the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, tomorrow to again ask re-assigned tabling and reassignment and the Chair believes the House would probably support him in his request.

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, it may be possible that I may not be able to be present tomorrow. That is why I am making it at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair believes that the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, has just indicated that he will make that motion for you tomorrow.

Mr. Stilphen of Rockland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. STILPHEN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask unanimous consent to introduce a resolve.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, requests unanimous consent to introduce a resolve. The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Resolve in favor of Matinicus Island.

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 the same gentleman, the Resolve (H. P. 1182) was referred to the Committee on Highways, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Davis of Calais was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. DAVIS: Mr. Speaker. I ask unanimous consent to introduce a bill notwithstanding the cloture order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Calais, Mr. Davis, requests unanimous consent to introduce a bill. The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer and County Commissioners of Washington County to Procure a Loan, and Issue Bonds of Said County Therefor for the Purpose of Adding to the Present Court House."

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. 1183) was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland,

Adjourned until one-thirty o'clock tomorrow afternoon.