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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Howard O. Hough, Minister of the First Radio Parish Church of America, Portland.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

Resolve Authorizing Kenneth H. Boyington and Ernestine Y. Boyington of South Portland to Sue the State of Maine (S. P. 527) (L. D. 1455)

Came from the Senate received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fishing Licenses for Religious Seminaries" (S. P. 344) (L. D. 953)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Loss of Hunting and Fishing Licenses on Conviction for Night Hunting" (S. P. 397) (L. D. 1111)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Report of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Payments Received by State from Portland Terminal Company" (S. P. 122) (L. D. 318) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 530) (L. D. 1445) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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.

**Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Certain Deductions from Municipal Employees' Salaries by Town Treasurers" (S. P. 139) (L. D. 331) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 532) (L. D. 1446) under title of "An Act relating to Deductions from Municipal Employees' Salaries by Town Treasurers" and that it "Ought to pass"

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 SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton.

Mr. HILTON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have this item lie on the table for the purpose of an amendment one week from today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton, moves that Item 5 lie on the table pending first reading and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 20. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Audit of Counties" (S. P. 262) (L. D. 690) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 533) (L. D. 1447) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of County Fees" (S. P. 451) (L. D. 1243) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 534) (L. D. 1448) under title of "An Act relating to Disposition of County Fees in Kennebec County" and that it "Ought to pass"

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**

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought to pass"

on Resolve to Reimburse the City of South Portland for Support of Margaret Dawson (S. P. 215) (L. D. 556) which was recommitted.

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

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

#### Tabled

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Leroy Foster of Amherst (S. P. 427) (L. D. 1443)

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

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

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It may become necessary for us to kill this resolve, and I am not sure of the method yet that is going to be used to pay it. It is possible that the department would want to pay it through the regular channels. However, if it does become necessary for us to kill it, I think we had better have the matter on the table pending assignment for second reading, unassigned, and I so move.

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

The motion prevailed and the Resolve was so tabled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are this morning in the balcony of the House sixty-six students from the Eighth Grade of the Winthrop Junior High School, accompanied by their Principal, Mrs. Winifred Leavitt, and by her assistant, Mrs. Irene Hibbs. Also fifty-eight students from the Hallowell Seventh Grade, Classes in History and Government, accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Whalen and Mrs. Savage.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a hearty and cordial welcome, and hopes you will learn by your stay with us and shall be glad to see you around. (Applause)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Amending the Financial Responsibility Law" (S. P. 408) (L. D. 1183)

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 SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mechanic Falls, Mr. Foster.

Mr. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, there have been several provisions called to my attention in this financial responsibility law and done so this morning, four pages, and it is highly technical and I think it should be viewed in conjunction with the financial responsibility law that now exists upon our statutes. I urge that this may be tabled giving an opportunity to the Speaker and other members of the House to inspect this bill and any day assigned, a week from today is agreeable, that would be plenty of time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state it might make for progress in our legislative matters if perhaps the matter were given its first and second readings and tabled at the third reading stage. Would the gentleman be willing to defer his motion until tomorrow?

Mr. FOSTER: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings and assigned for third reading tomorrow.

#### 'Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Labor reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Chiropractic Treatment Under Workmen's Compensation Law" (S. P. 373) (L. D. 1069)

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

In the House: Report was read. (On motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, the Report with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 20.)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Collector and Assessors of Taxes and City Treasurer of City of Eastport" (S. P. 376) (L. D. 1072)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of the Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court" (S. P. 81) (L. D. 170)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of the Recorder of the South Portland Municipal Court" (S. P. 357) (L. D. 966)

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Liens for Inheritance Taxes and Fixing a Period of Limitations Therefor" (S. P. 410) (L. D. 1174) 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. 410, L. D. 1174, Bill "An Act relating to Liens for Inheritance Taxes and Fixing a Period of Limitations Therefor."

Amend said bill by striking out in next to the last paragraph all appearing before the underlined word "expire" in the 2nd line and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words 'If the lien shall not have been terminated as above set forth, it shall in any event'

Further amend said bill by striking out the underlined words "two years" in next to the last line of said bill and inserting in place

thereof the following underlined word and figure '6 months'

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Wharf in Long Lake at Naples" (S. P. 206) (L. D. 500) 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. 206, L. D. 500, Bill "An Act relating to Wharf in Long Lake at Naples."

Amend said Bill by striking out the last 2 lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The wharf shall be maintained in good condition for the free use of the public, ~~except that a reasonable charge may be made to those who use the wharf for commercial purposes.~~'

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to the Practice of Physical Therapy in the State of Maine" (S. P. 326) (L. D. 902) 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. 326, L. D. 902, Bill "An Act relating to the Practice of Physical Therapy in the State of Maine."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined punctuation and words “; temporary license” in the 1st line of the 1st paragraph of that part designated “Sec. 5”.

Further amend said Bill in said “Sec. 5” by striking out the 2nd underlined paragraph thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

**‘Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Board shall register as a physical therapist any person who applies for such registration on or after the effective date of this chapter, who is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association or the American Registry of Physical Therapists, or who is practicing physical therapy in this State and was so practicing for 3 years immediately prior to said effective date under the direction or prescription of a duly licensed physician or surgeon licensed to practice medicine or surgery in Maine. Such applicant shall pay the Board a fee of \$15 and be entitled to a license as a physical therapist, without examination.’**

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

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill “An Act relating to the Salaries of the County Commissioners of Cumberland County” (S. P. 83) (L. D. 172) 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. 83, L. D. 172, Bill “An Act relating to the Salaries of the County Commissioners of Cumberland County.”

Amend said Bill by striking out in the last line thereof the underlined figure “\$3,500” and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure “\$3,000”

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

### Tabled

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill “An Act relating to Salary of Judge of Probate in Cumberland County” (S. P. 277) (L. D. 707) 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.

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

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. Speaker, I would like now to table Item 19.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire if the gentleman would be willing to defer until third reading and table it at that stage tomorrow?

Mr. CHARLES: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Charles, and suspects he would like to make a motion at this time.

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Because we are having a caucus meeting tomorrow afternoon, I would move that this item be tabled and unassigned.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Charles, moves that Item 19 lie on the table pending adoption of Committee Amendment “A” and be unassigned. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment Amended in Senate Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill “An Act to Revise the Inland Fish and Game Laws” (S. P. 184) (L. D. 436) 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" as amended by Senate Amendment "A" thereto.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie.

Mr. BOWIE: Mr. Speaker, could this bill lie on the table until Friday of this week?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie, moves that the Bill with accompanying papers lie on the table pending first reading and be specially assigned for Friday, April 15.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, who may discuss the date of special assignment only.

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Since most of this legislation has been passed already and this simply clarifies it, I wonder if the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie, would be willing to table his bill until the end of today's session?

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Durham, Mr. Bowie, that this Bill with accompanying papers lie on the table pending first reading and be specially assigned for Friday, April 15. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

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

### Orders

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

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Taxation acting jointly are hereby authorized to report a Bill which shall provide:

1st. Such appropriations from the General Fund as were not provided for in the General Appropriations Bill and printed as L. D. 1444 they may deem necessary and desirable to provide funds for items in the so-called "supplemental budget" and other state expenditures and obligations.

2nd. Such tax assessments and/or tax adjustments as in their judgment may be required to finance the appropriations set out in said bill with a reasonable, safe and conservative excess to cover other possible legislative appropriations. (H. P. 1195)

The Order was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Seaward of Kittery, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Reynolds of Mount Desert be excused from attendance the remainder of this week because of business.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair would request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, to the rostrum for the purpose of presiding as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Sanford was escorted to the rostrum amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to present a bouquet to the Speaker pro tem to correspond with our Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Sergeant-at-Arms will kindly escort the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, to the rostrum.

(Presentation of boutonniere to Mr. Sanford)

The SPEAKER: Before relinquishing the rostrum to the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, the Chair notes the presence in the rear of the Hall of the House of Miss Ava Merrill of Harrison, Governor of Girls State.

Will the Sergeant-at-Arms kindly escort Miss Merrill, Governor of Girls State, to the rostrum and anyone in her party who might care to come up too.

Thereupon, Ava Merrill, Governor of Girls State, and her guest, Mrs. McLaughlin, were escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

The SPEAKER: The Chair might say by way of introduction of Miss Merrill that she is a senior at Bridgton Academy. First honors have just been awarded her as her four year academic average is 96.35. As well as being a student, Ava has been active in sports, music and many other school activities. She plans to continue her studies at Principia College in Elmhurst, Illinois.

The House is privileged this morning to have her with us and to hear what remarks she might care to make. It is a pleasure for the Chair to introduce to you, Miss Ava Merrill of Harrison, Governor of Dirigo Girls State. (Applause)

Miss Merrill then addressed the House as follows:

This is a very unexpected honor for me and it brings back a certain memory that happened last June. It was a little bit unexpected for me and the greatest surprise of my eighteen years. Last June, right in this chamber, I was sworn in by Governor Cross as Governor of my own Girls State. It was a very much surprising honor and, as I stand here now remembering it, I can just imagine and clearly remember exactly what I was going through when I was standing up here being sworn in with my hand up like this. It always gives me much happiness and a great deal of pleasure to be able to bring to any people who are interested what my experience at Girls State has meant to me.

Now, when I was sworn in as Governor, it was the climax of my six-day citizenship training program at Colby College. It has remained unforgettable to me and there are many, many parts of the program that I wish I had the time and you had the time to listen to. But I do not intend to go into great detail explaining the program. I would just like to tell you a few of the things that have remained outstanding to me as the experiences passed into memory. It enlightened me, first of all, on the operations and functions of the government in my State. It gave me a practical knowledge of

parliamentary procedure, which far surpasses the ordinary method in high school current history classes. It gave me a sense of values by which to judge political theories. It increased my confidence in public officials. It showed me that politics is as the people in it, no better and no worse. It made me more alert to the news and led me to formulate my own opinions on the current issues of the day. But most of all, it made me realize that I was not doing my share but as a citizen in this great country it was my greatest duty and obligation to improve and preserve democracy, and if I saw anything wrong in the political way the government was being run that it was my duty to find some means to correct it rather than to leave the solution to others.

I had an added honor shortly after Girls State in that I was chosen as one of the two delegates to attend Girls Nation in Washington, D. C. This was just a step further than Girls State. There we met representatives from all over the Nation which is an opportunity open to very few. We learned to live with girls whose ideas and customs were different from our own. Our minds were challenged by the plain discussions and the spontaneous gaffs that women can't seem to help getting involved in.

We lived in the heart of our country. We saw the government as it actually functions and met many of its admirable leaders. We saw the great center of our democracy and the President of the United States. What more could one ask? This experience has remained to me unforgettable and I hope sincerely that some day I will be able to show my thanks to the American Legion for sponsoring such confidence programs in the youth in that I may be able to help another young girl to go through the same experience that I did.

I appreciate this opportunity very much and I know the experience I have had will forever remain with me. I thank you all very, very much. (Applause, members rising)

The SPEAKER: Miss Merrill, the Chair would like to thank you on behalf of the House for being with us this morning and giving us such



a fine talk and letting us know how much the American Legion and Digo Girls State are doing. We are happy that Mrs. McLaughlin of that organization could be with you too.

Miss MERRILL: Thank you, I appreciate the opportunity.

Thereupon, Miss Merrill and Mrs. McLaughlin were escorted from the Hall of the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Mr. Sanford of Dover-Foxcroft then assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem amid the applause of the House and Speaker Trafton retired from the Hall.

#### **House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Ray Philbrick of Caribou (H. P. 820) (L. D. 912) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the Town of Palermo (H. P. 181) (L. D. 188) which was re-committed.

Mr. Winchenpaw from the Committee on Labor reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Maine Employment Security Law as to Seasonal Employment" (H. P. 1129) (L. D. 1327)

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on Liquor Control reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Additional Appeal from Liquor Commission" (H. P. 839) (L. D. 929)

Mr. Hilton from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Sanford Municipal Court" (H. P. 507) (L. D. 544)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Sanford Municipal Court" (H. P. 724) (L. D. 788)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Ought Not to Pass Tabled**

Mr. Blanchard from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An

Act relating to the Establishment of a Fund for Fire Fighters" (H. P. 867) (L. D. 979)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, due to much more needed time and also having a conference this coming week with the Insurance Commissioner, I would like to place this on the table unassigned to give me ample time to be able to prepare the rest of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that the Report with accompanying papers lie on the table pending acceptance and be unassigned. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

#### **Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Kinch from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Defining and Regulating the Collection Agency Business and the Budget Planning Business" (H. P. 1157) (L. D. 1375)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Browne of Bangor, the Report with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Thursday, April 21.)

#### **Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Walter from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fire Alarms for Certain Buildings" (H. P. 407) (L. D. 454)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Edgar.

Mr. EDGAR: Mr. Speaker, with the knowledge and consent of the House members of the Business Legislation Committee, I move that L. D. 454 lie on the table and be specially assigned for Friday of this week, April 15.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Edgar, moves that the Report with

accompanying papers lie on the table pending acceptance and be specially assigned for Friday, April 15. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. Denbow from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Making Second Units of State Aid Available for Town Road Improvement" (H. P. 650) (L. D. 727)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans.

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hate to clutter up the table any more with these bills but this bill, I think, is a good bill and it was introduced through the proper channels. It was drawn up by a member of the Highway Commission. It had the blessing of the Highway Commission and it was received at the time very favorably by the Highway Committee. If there is some member of the Highway Committee who perhaps could explain at this time why it got this report "Ought not to pass," it might save time. I would ask that question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, addresses a question through the Chair.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Denbow.

Mr. DENBOW: Mr. Speaker, I think I can answer that question although these bills are a little confusing there are so many of them. If I remember correctly, this bill was brought out "Ought not to pass" and I think I am correct in saying that that also was the thought of the Highway Commission because it was thought that state aid money should not be made available for town roads, that it would upset the present structure of the program. I think that is about the answer to the bill.

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

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I notice that Item 9A, a bill sponsored by the

gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, is similar to 9B, which is a bill sponsored by myself. Last summer, I discovered in my own district that six of the nine towns that I represent were unable to build any state aid highway, that is, new highway, because they could not meet the arbitrary standards set up by the Highway Commission. I was quite concerned about this matter and considering that it was undoubtedly the case elsewhere in the State, I was determined to draft an amendment that would allow these towns to receive their state aid road money, which, in effect, is gasoline tax revenue, sent in by the communities to relieve the property tax. My purpose was to draft an amendment, offer it to this House, whereby every town could be guaranteed their state aid road money to expend on one road or another.

Inasmuch as I have been out of the town management field since 1951, I was not aware that during that session of the Legislature, there was already a law passed which does just exactly that. In reading the law, I felt that it said that the towns which were not eligible for state aid road money to spend for new construction on state aid designation could be eligible to spend that money in conjunction with their town road improvement fund. At a meeting in Belfast with the selectmen of Waldo County and the officials of the State Highway Department, including the Chairman of the Highway Commission, I raised the question before certain members of this House who were present as to why this law was not being followed and I was informed that the law did not allow the Commission to use two units of their state aid road money in conjunction with the town road improvement fund. At that time, I did not feel in a position to debate the point. I returned home and opened the statutes and read them again. The next morning, I went into the Attorney General's office and asked the present Attorney General if he interpreted the statute as I did. He assured me that he did but that he would check into it further, and I understand that he has and in talking with him the latter part of last week, I think it was Wednes-

day or Thursday, he was still of that opinion.

Now, this Item 9A, which was presented by the gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, was drafted, as he said, by an assistant Attorney General with the help of one of the members of the Highway Department because they felt that the law was necessary in order to make second units of state aid available. However, there is a difference of opinion apparently between the assistant Attorney General assigned to highways and the Attorney General of the State.

Now, my only point in bringing this thing out is that I would like to have the House vote on the matter to clarify it, and I feel that inasmuch as we are only here for say another three or four weeks, we will be away for two years, I think the people back in the rural communities have the right to know whether or not this second unit of state aid is going to be available. Now, the only way that it can be settled would be action on one of these bills and I think that Item 9A, while it contains an emergency clause, would be possibly unnecessary. Item 9B does exactly the same thing without the emergency clause. The law, as I understand it and as the present Attorney General interprets it, already allows for second units of state aid to be transferred at the discretion of the Commission. However, the Commission is not standing on its discretionary powers. They say that they are standing on the statute which does not allow them to use that second unit. So I think that we should clarify this point and while I am in sympathy with the bill of the gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, I would recommend that Item 9B be considered instead of 9A due to the only difference being the emergency clause. I would ask the gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, through the Chair if he would explain the Commission's position relating to the necessity of this law being passed before they can make second units of state aid available.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, addresses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans. The gentleman

from Cornish, Mr. Evans, may answer if he chooses.

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, it was made very plain to me by the Highway Commission that we could not use these units. We also found it out in our own town as last year we tried to do the very same thing and we found that according to the Highway Commission it was impossible to use these two units.

My emergency clause was put on there a good deal like one of those ice fishing bills here the other day. I think the ice has probably gone out from under it now. I intended to have it so we could use it and vote on it at our annual town meeting. But that has gone out a good deal like the ice so it is too late for that and due to that I should think it would be wise to use 9B, I believe it was, instead of 9A. I certainly have no quarrel with either bill. Either one is acceptable to me one hundred per cent. My main object is to have it so our small towns can derive all the benefit we can. Where many towns are unable to build state aid roads not having the traffic count necessary we feel that we can use it to get people out of the mud and to great advantage to our school buses and mailmen. I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will inquire if the gentleman wishes to make a motion?

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I do not know just how to do it. We are really acting on 9A at the present time so I would be willing to accept the committee report on that and give consideration to 9B.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, moves that the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Making Second Units of State Aid Available for Town Road Improvement", House paper 650, Legislative Document 727, 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.

#### Tabled

Mr. Nadeau from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to

Joint Fund for State Aid Construction Used with Town Road Improvement Fund" (H. P. 821) (L. D. 913)

Report was read.

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

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is a very short bill and essentially it adds one word and one number to the present law, strictly for the purpose of clarifying this point which we have already discussed. You have the bill L. D. 913. It refers back to Section 55 of Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes and it adds after sections 44 and 46, section 49. Now, I will repeat that the present Attorney General says that this bill is unnecessary because it is already the law and I believe that the Highway Committee, several members of it, were present with me when he made that point. However, for the point of clarification, I move you, Mr. Speaker, that we substitute the Bill for the Report.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, moves that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report.

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

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The Committee has given a great deal of time to these two bills as to whether they were necessary or not. We took it up with the Attorney General on several occasions and by having this written in the law it would not accomplish anything. But we have another bill which is going to be held back until the last part of the session on obsolete laws and if we feel that it is necessary to write that section in, to include Section 49, to tie in with the town road improvement we will go along with it. Therefore, I move that we table this item unassigned until the other bill is reported out.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, moves that the Report with accompanying papers be tabled pending acceptance.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell.

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker, might I ask a question through the Chair of the House Chairman of the Highway Committee, if he concurs with my statement that the Attorney General says that this is already the law?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, addresses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson. The gentleman from Eanover, Mr. Ferguson, may answer if he so wishes.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, that is right. That is what the Attorney General told us, that it was in the law and would serve no purpose in having this in the present law.

The SPEAKER pro tem: For what purpose does the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, rise?

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of asking a question through the Chair of the gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to appear to be repetitious but I would like to ask the question again through the Chair if the gentleman from Cornish was told that the law prohibited the use of this second unit of state aid road by the Highway Commission.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, addresses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans. The gentleman from Cornish, Mr. Evans, may answer if he so wishes.

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I was not only told that but I was shown that when we tried to get the second unit in our own town.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, that the Report of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Joint Fund for State Aid Construction Used with Town Road Improvement Fund," House Paper 821, Legislative Document 913, lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, that the Bill be substituted for the Report.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, rise?

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask for a division on the vote.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, has requested a division on the vote.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, that the matter lie on the table unassigned pending the motion of the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, that the Bill be substituted for the Report, will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Eighty-four having voted in the affirmative and thirteen having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Report with accompanying papers was so tabled.

Mr. Ross from the Committee on Labor reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Benefits for Total Unemployment under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 964) (L. D. 1090)

(Acceptance of Report subsequently reconsidered)

Mr. Cote from the Committee on Liquor Control reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Possession of Liquors by Minors" (H. P. 491) (L. D. 535) as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Dostie from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Liquor License Credit" (H. P. 1077) (L. D. 1260)

Mr. Pierce from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Liquor Inspectors" (H. P. 546) (L. D. 603)

Reports were 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 Transmission of Electric Power Beyond Limits of State" (H. P. 693) (L. D. 761)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Bean.

Mr. BEAN: Mr. Speaker, as there is other legislation pending relative to the same subject matter, I move that this bill lie on the table until Wednesday, April 20.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Bean, moves that the Report with accompanying papers lie on the table pending acceptance and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 20. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. Wadleigh from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of York County" (H. P. 567) (L. D. 615)

Mr. Woodworth from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment and Tenure of Office of Police Officers" (H. P. 81) (L. D. 78)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER pro tem: For what purpose does the gentleman from West Gardiner, Mr. Martin, rise?

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, I rise for permission to address the House very briefly off the record.

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

(Conference at rostrum)

#### Ought to Pass in New Draft Printed Bills

Mr. Roberts from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Membership on State Soil Conservation Committee" (H. P. 634) (L. D. 711) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1193) (L. D. 1460) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Fay from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Change of Purposes of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies" (H. P. 1029) (L. D. 1201) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1194) (L. D. 1461) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

### **Ought to Pass Printed Bills**

Mr. Cote from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Chester Fredericks of Norridgewock (H. P. 183) (L. D. 1457)

Mr. Getchell from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Marcus Mitchell, of Temple (H. P. 872) (L. D. 1458)

Mr. Cianchette from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of County Treasurer of Hancock County" (H. P. 1083) (L. D. 1244)

Mr. Porell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Hancock County" (H. P. 459) (L. D. 494)

Mr. Stanley from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Certain Officers of Lincoln County" (H. P. 125) (L. D. 128)

Mr. Staples from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of Western Hancock Municipal Court" (H. P. 857) (L. D. 943)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for a Contingent Account for Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1139) (L. D. 1336)

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

### **Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Wadleigh from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officials of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 802) (L. D. 876)

Report was read and accepted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There is a little further information which I wish to get from some of the towns that I represent in Sagadahoc County. I would ask that this be tabled until Wednesday, April 20.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, moves that the Bill with accompanying papers lie on the table pending first reading and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 20.

Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: For what purpose does the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Trafton, rise?

Mr. TRAFTON: Mr. Speaker, may I approach the rostrum?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state that it can see no necessity for granting the request for the time being. (Laughter)

Mr. Wadleigh from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of Ellsworth Municipal Court" (H. P. 949) (L. D. 1052)

Mr. Woodworth from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Councillors of Town of Van Buren" (H. P. 236) (L. D. 215)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide Fire Protection for Milton Township, Oxford County" (H. P. 1170) (L. D. 1405)

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

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

Mr. Gilmartin from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Orono-Veazie Water District" (H. P. 1156) (L. D. 1374) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1156, L. D. 1374, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Orono-Veazie Water District."

Amend said Bill by striking out the following words in the 6th and 7th lines of Sec. 2: "from Hatcase pond in the towns of Dedham and Eddington and"

Further amend said Bill by inserting a period after the word "Veazie" in the 3rd line of Sec. 6 and striking out the words and punctuation: ", provided that if either of said towns fail to approve this act as hereinafter provided while the other of said towns approves this act, then the whole board shall be appointed by the municipal officers of the approving town."

Further amend said Bill by striking out the following words beginning in the 4th line of the 3rd paragraph of Sec. 10: "In fixing such valuation, the appraisers shall make full allowance to the Penobscot County Water Company for all damages occasioned to it by the severance of the plant, property and franchises so taken from the plant, property and franchises which are now owned, enjoyed and exercised by the Penobscot County Water Company under its present charter."

Further amend said Bill by inserting in the 6th line from the end of Sec. 10, after the word "Orono", the following: ', Bradley'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the word "authorized" in the 2nd line of Sec. 12 the words and punctuation: ', with the approval of the Public Utilities Commission,'

Further amend said Bill by inserting in Sec. 13 after the word "Orono" the word and punctuation: ', Bradley'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the words and figures "September 15, 1955" in the 6th line of the referendum clause and inserting in place thereof the words and figures 'November 1, 1955'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 2nd paragraph of the referendum clause and substituting in place thereof the following paragraph:

'If the act fails of approval in either of said towns, a second such town meeting, which may be either a special or annual town meeting, may be similarly called and held for the same purpose in such town at any time not later than April 1, 1956, and if the inhabitants of said town by a majority vote at said second town meeting, at which the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20 percent of the total number of legal voters of said town, approve the act, the act shall take effect as if it had been so approved at the first meeting.'

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

### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Terms of Office and Salaries of the State Highway Commission" (H. P. 651) (L. D. 728)

Report was signed by the following members:

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

Messrs. FERGUSON of Hanover  
PULLEN of Oakland  
CARTER of Etna  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DENBOW of Lubec  
HIGGINS of Scarborough  
DUNN of Poland  
NADEAU of Biddeford  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Inasmuch as this is a divided report and a few of us would like to know more about it, I move that this Bill be tabled and assigned for Wednesday, April 20.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, moves that the two Reports with accompanying papers lie on the table pending acceptance of either report and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 20. Is this the pleasure of the House?

All those in favor will please say aye; those opposed, no.

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

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

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, I now move that we accept the majority report "Ought not to pass".

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, moves that the majority report "Ought not to pass" be accepted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Higgins.

Mr. HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: For the benefit of the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, he said that some of the members did not understand it, maybe I can explain it a little. This amendment that the minority report has, leaves the salary of your present Chairman of the Highway Commission at the same, and we believe in a three year appointment instead of seven. The majority report would leave it as is. That is the only change in that, and Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a division when the vote is taken.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Denbow.

Mr. DENBOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like permission to address the House briefly. I would like to speak in support of the minority report on this bill and for these reasons, and I hesitate to make this too well known, but this was given a lot of thought in Committee. It is a bill that would change the present term of office to three years. It is not aimed at anyone in particular and for that reason the salary has been put back by the amendment to \$12,000. However, in the Committee meeting I think two members made themselves on the record well known that they would support this bill but for the

reason that they felt the present Commissioner, Dave Stevens, would probably resign. I feel that this is very wrong, and I do not think that anyone should legislate a position for any one man. I think that we have gone along quite nicely with less than seven year terms, or less than four year terms as Governor, and I think that a man's position should stand wholly on his own merit. I think if anybody is capable, and I am sure the present Commissioner is capable, at the end of three years regardless of what party might be in power, he would probably retain his position. I hope the motion by the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, does not prevail.

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

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I concur with the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Denbow, that this bill was given a lot of thought in committee, and the feeling of the majority of that committee was that inasmuch as the legislators in 1953 made the law to appoint a Commissioner for seven years, and the Commissioner left one job with that understanding in mind, that the position of full time Commissioner-Administrator would be for a term of seven years, and he accepted the position. I do not believe that any of the Committee feels -- I certainly do not -- that they want to sign the minority report, that it was aimed at any one man; but that job with the Highway, it takes a long time for planning over a number of years and I feel that we should go along with the majority report in this case. Therefore, I hope that my motion prevails, the "Ought not to pass" motion.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: We have some eighty-odd new members here who do not know just what took place in the 1953 Legislature in regard to this legislation, and I would like to tell them something that I know about it for their information. I do not go along with my good friend here that this legislature has to abide by the things



that former legislatures saw fit to pass. Each legislature is a law unto themselves, and as I see it, responsible to their people. Now I was in the 1953 Legislature, and when this was proposed to have this — this law was proposed by the Governor himself and I went to bat with him several times on it because he wanted as you remember, I think a lot of you members do as well as I do and probably went to bat for the same thing, that he wanted it for life, and we just could not see it that way, and so we compromised on seven years. I thought I wanted — what I suggested to the Governor at that time, the former Governor, was four years, and I think four was plenty, and perhaps three is better, but I would go for four, but I think seven was too much then and I think seven is too much now, and I hope that the "Ought not to pass" report prevails and that we do cut this down somewhere near where it should be down.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As everybody knows the Chairman of the Highway Commission is a job which is a very difficult one. It is a job which without question should not be a political appointment. I believe firmly that the 96th Legislature put this seven year term on here for the purpose of keeping this job out of politics, and I hope that this House will go along with accepting the majority report, "Ought not to pass", as I think the situation which now is in existence is a good one.

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

Mr. BROCKWAY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I did not intend to get into this debate, but I believe that we have set up this as a seven year term and we should certainly go along with it as long as the present Highway Chairman is in office. He left Health and Welfare I believe to take this job with the understanding and assurance that it would be a seven-year term. If department heads cannot be protected to the extent that I would say the word of this Legislature is good, I certainly want to go

on record as favoring the motion of the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hartland, Mr. Gardner.

Mr. GARDNER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I checked with the Corporation Division of the Secretary of State and not in its entirety, but I have found that the only person that has a seven-year term outside of the Highway Commissioner, Mr. Stevens, is Mr. Mudge and the Superior Court Justices and one other fellow, I do not know his name, that is all there are.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Higgins.

Mr. HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think this matter boils down to just one thing, as far as Mr. Stevens is concerned on his seven year appointment, if he is a good man, he will be reappointed. I do not think he has to worry about his job if he does his job.

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

Mr. MCCLUSKEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Chairman of the Highway Committee a question through the Chair if he would care to answer it. Is it true or is it not true that the Commissioner of Highways can be removed by the Governor and Council for cause the same as any other Commissioner?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Warren, Mr. McCluskey, addresses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson. The gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, may answer if he so chooses.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, the provisions are that the Chairman of the Highway Commission can be removed for cause by the Governor and the Council at any time.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Nadeau.

Mr. NADEAU: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is a peculiar thing that four year terms for Governor is too much and over

four years for the President of the United States is too much, well if it is too much for them why would it not be too much for one man that is under the supervision of the Governor to have a seven year term. I think a three year term is enough for anybody. I might have stretched it to four years but the concession was either three or seven, and I voted for three for the simple reason if the man is so wonderful, and I believe he is, that when it comes time for appointment he will certainly be reappointed and he should be very pleased to be able to prove to the public that he stayed over three years on account of his merit and not because he had a contract for seven years.

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

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to state that inasmuch as we have voted against the four year term for Governor and that it was cited that we had examples of where the citizens of Maine had manifested their desire that we have only certain governors for two years, here we have an appointee of a two year Governor who was appointed for seven years and I think that it would certainly be a definite step forward in reestablishing confidence in the Highway Department if we were to restrict the Chairman of Commission to a three year term and have it subject to reappointment at that time. I think that every state official should be considered as a public servant and certainly if they serve the public well during three years, they should not have any fear of reappointment at the end of their term.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, I go along with the gentlemen that agree that the seven year term is too long for this type of office, but I feel that in the present situation we have a moral obligation. A man, because of the law at the time, was engaged to fill a certain job at a certain stipend for a certain period of time, and I do not think it would be a moral act on our part if we

should change that. I think the appropriate time to change that is after this seven year period is about to elapse.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe that the ones who have spoken in favor of this bill "Ought to pass" have well pointed out my position on it. They have brought out that the Governor is only there for two years and the President is only there for four years. There is no question about it, we know that the Governor is a political job, and that is exactly what we are trying to do here is keep this most important job out of politics, that is the very reason that our Supreme Court and Superior Court Justices have seven year appointments for the purpose of keeping them out of politics. I certainly hope the House will go along accepting the majority report.

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

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is my opinion that this Highway Commission job is a political appointment and I do not think that the fact that a man is appointed for seven years is going to make any difference. All these political appointments are political jobs and I cannot see that it will matter, and I certainly hope that the motion does not prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin.

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I think we should let well enough alone. This matter is working very well. Let us go along with this motion.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson, that the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Terms of Office and Salaries of the State Highway Commission", House Paper 651, Legislative Document 728, be accepted.

The gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Higgins, has requested a division.

All those in favor of the acceptance of the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-two having voted in the affirmative and fifty-four having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will request the Sergeant-at-Arms to kindly conduct the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of his house to the rostrum.

Thereupon, Speaker Trafton and Mrs. Trafton were escorted to the rostrum amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Mr. Fuller of South Portland was then granted unanimous consent to address the House outside of his own seat.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker pro tem, Mr. Speaker and Mrs. Speaker: I want to say, Bill, that you may be Speaker of the House in Augusta but I am sure that you are not the Speaker of the House in Auburn because I have been married a lot longer than you have and I know that I am the Speaker of the House while I am in Augusta but never in South Portland.

It is remarkable how news gets around, isn't it? We understand that this is your wedding anniversary and I sort of guessed that it may be about the thirteenth. Am I correct on that?

Speaker TRAFTON: That is correct, Mr. Fuller.

Mr. FULLER: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to say that we are very happy to welcome you and Mrs. Speaker here on your thirteenth wedding anniversary and, on behalf of the House, I would like to present to you and Mrs. Speaker a little bouquet of our thoughts and affections for you and hope you have many, many, many more anniversaries and hope that this may bring back memories of that glorious occasion of your first anniversary.

Thereupon, Speaker and Mrs. Trafton were presented with a mixed bouquet.

Speaker TRAFTON: Jess, Members of the House: I know Ginnie and I both appreciate very much your kindness and thoughtfulness this morning. I think it is a good lesson to beware of dropping dates in the corridors of the Augusta House because one may make a remark one later regrets but to all of you from both of us, thank you very much. (Applause)

Mrs. TRAFTON: I want to say thank you very much too. It is perfectly beautiful and I do appreciate it. (Applause)

The SPEAKER pro tem: Mr. Speaker, I present you with the gavel.

Thereupon, Speaker Trafton assumed the Chair and the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, to his seat on the floor, amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to thank the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, for presiding this morning and expects that he earned his money definitely this morning by the work the members gave him.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to address the House out of order and under suspension of the rules.

Thereupon, Mr. Call of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: During the last debate of the question on the Highway Commissioner's appointment, I wish that the Clerk of the House would read the rule in regard to voting because I think that it should be brought out to the attention of everybody at the present time because during the last vote I think that if they had all voted it might have made a difference one way or the other, or shall they be excused.

The SPEAKER: At the request of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, the Speaker will request

the Clerk of the House to read the rule on voting.

The CLERK: Rule 22: "Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put where he is not excluded by interest shall give his vote, unless the House for special reasons shall excuse him, and when yeas and nays are ordered, no member shall leave his seat until the vote is declared."

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

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker, would it be out of order to declare that vote that has already been taken illegal on the floor of this House?

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

#### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Town of Plymouth (H. P. 653) (L. D. 730)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. JAMIESON of Aroostook  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. PULLEN of Oakland  
CARTER of Etna  
DENBOW of Lubec  
DUNN of Poland  
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.

Messrs. FERGUSON of Hanover  
HIGGINS of Scarborough  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Carter of Etna, the Majority Report "Ought to pass" was accepted.

Thereupon, the Resolve was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned.

#### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought

not to be adopted" on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to pass Legislation Outlawing Alcoholic Beverage Advertising Over the Air (H. P. 837) (L. D. 1198)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARPENTER of Somerset  
CRABTREE of Aroostook  
BOUCHER of Androscoggin  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. COTE of Lewiston  
DOSTIE of Winslow  
CHARLES of Portland  
PIERCE of Bucksport  
ANTHOINE of Windham  
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to be adopted" on same Joint Resolution.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Presque Isle  
Mr. RICH of Charleston  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. ROUNDY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to move the adoption of the minority report and I wish to make a brief statement therewith.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, moves that the minority "Ought to be adopted" Report be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. ROUNDY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to read in order that it may be in the minds of all of us, two or three paragraphs as covering this memorial: "Whereas, the rights of states to control such advertising are being nullified in this way" as described above, whereby "the American public has been unjustifiably imposed upon by the promoters of the sale of beer and wine by the invasion of their homes (over the air) to advertise such beverages; to imply that they are healthful and beneficial, and to market them to members of the family of all ages; and" "Whereas, the air is an element that has been recognized as the property of the American people

as a whole, giving the Congress of the United States full powers to impose any conditions they deem proper on the granting of a license for its use, now, therefore, be it Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, recommend to the Congress of the United States enactment of appropriate legislation to bar the use of the air waves to all advertising of alcoholic beverages;" and so forth. And may I make this statement that in one or more states and certainly in the State of Michigan, in its House, this memorial was passed by a vote of 56 to 32. It goes beyond the matter of our own country in that it involves also our sister commonwealth of Canada, and in Canada there is the law which forbids liquor advertising coming to them over the radio stations from the United States. But to get around that, certain citizens of Canada, certain interests, you may think of them as you will, come across the border and broadcast from cities like Buffalo, Detroit, border cities, and thus get around the law of their own country. There is that phase of that that I think should be considered in connection with this memorial.

Moreover, I think a very important thing for us to think of, I think of it as I am supporting this motion, is that by the process that is now in operation the children—it becomes an unwelcome and disagreeable fact, disagreeable to me at least, that it becomes necessary for children, younger people as well as others, to be led to believe that the drinking of beer and wine is the socially acceptable thing to do. That is my first statement that I would like to make.

In the second it is that the effects are brought into the home in a way that is quite out of line with what we have been given to understand would be the process in these recent years in the exercise of the business of liquor. That was that we should be freed and there would not be recreated the saloon horrors. Perhaps it is different than in olden times, and it is also quite different in the particular that it not only means something in some cases at any rate, and perhaps generally, in a saloon, but it means it brings it right into people's own homes. And moreover there is a difference be-

tween this and advertising in a magazine or a paper because one may turn over the sheet of the paper and not be bothered if he does not care to be. But in the matter of using the air, it becomes quite a different proposition as I really think.

I have been thinking about this and these statements are my own, that it seems to me, and this part is quite an authoritative statement it would seem to me, that at least a third of the people of our country are what you may call if you will "teetotalers," they are non-drinkers. Another third are very moderate drinkers. The final third perhaps are customary drinkers and, it is to be regretted, some of them extremely so. I firmly am of the belief that the first third that I have mentioned would very much desire that this advertising should cease. I believe that a considerable number of the second third desire this very thing, they may be very moderate drinkers themselves but some of them even that I know intimately have said that they were very much put out by the advertising of the present time. Perhaps there are even some of the third class that wish that this did not happen. We were given to understand that this matter should be given serious thought and particularly would I like to read as I conclude my statement, that the Representative Compton in the House in Michigan made this statement in the presentation of a similar memorial to this. He said, "If the liquor interests insist on freedom from all controls of morality, or consideration of the welfare of children in the home, it may force the nation to go dry again as a measure of self-protection." I certainly hope that the minority report will prevail.

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

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have the highest respect for the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, who just spoke and for the gentleman and gentleman who signed this minority bill. They stand amongst our best citizens, they are working constantly for what they think to be the best good of the

people, and I admire them greatly. And yet, I am opposed to this memorial. The reason I am opposed to it is because it will not have the weight of a fly on the Congress or Senate of the United States. I too listen daily when I am at home to these beer and wine advertisements over the radio until I get sick of hearing them. You see them on your television, you see them everywhere, but I do not think there is a radio station in this country but what carries those ads. A great many of the Congressmen themselves, Congressmen and Senators, use liquor. What I am opposed to, I feel that it simply makes us look ridiculous to have us telling Congress what they should do. I have people sometimes in Portland who try to tell me what to do. I sometimes think I know more about what I am doing than they do, and that is exactly the way the Congressmen and the Senators feel. It is their job to pass the national laws and they will just look at us and laugh at us for doing such a thing as this unless it were country-wide, that might do some good. If this was a memorial that you should not put these over the air in Maine, we might get our Congressmen from Maine to listen to us right away, but your vote will not have any impact at all, therefore, I am in favor of the majority report which I think is a sensible decision.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I dislike to disagree with our friend, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaflin. I feel that the members of Congress are the servants of the people and that if the people want to express their feeling in regard to a certain matter, they have the privilege of doing so. We might differ as to how we should express our feeling to Congress, but I feel we have a perfect right to do that.

I do want to speak just a minute to this bill. Bruce Barton, in writing of advertising, said: "It is a terrific power that we wield, we men and women of advertising." He said: "It needs to be handled carefully, thoughtfully, sometimes

even prayerfully. It is one of the most potent forces that for better or worse can influence and change human lives." Two years ago we tried to get an advertising bill through on the state level but we were opposed because that was discriminatory in that it affected one state rather than all the states. This year we felt that perhaps an appeal to Congress in behalf of banning of liquor advertising might be a better way to approach this matter. We should think a little bit about what liquor advertising does. For instance, you hear over the radio that certain beer has fewer calories than orange juice. What is the effect of such advertising on children, what do they think? They hear their parents saying we must not have too many calories because if we do we will become too stout, so we have to avoid too many calories. And then the children think, well, beer has fewer calories so it must be better than orange juice. Would not that be the natural conclusion? We see over the television people drinking beer. They are very attractive people, people who would make an appeal to young people. To my way of thinking, radio and TV advertising are conditioning the children and youth of our country to the feeling that drinking is not a dangerous thing. The ads do not tell of the dangers of alcohol. They do not tell that it is a habit-forming narcotic drug. They do not tell that it causes misery, poverty, divorce and all the evils in the calendar. I think we need to do something about this advertising, and this, although it will not enact any law, will let the members of Congress know that we in this Legislature feel that something should be done about advertising, and my hope is that this House will accept the minority report, "Ought to pass".

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Edgar.

Mr. EDGAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to go on record as supporting

the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, for just one reason. I have a twelve year old daughter and I certainly do not appreciate having her go around the house singing a commercial extolling the virtues of some particular brand of beer or discussing with her playmates the relative merits of one brand over another. Now those two incidents have actually happened and I have been very much disturbed by them, and for that reason I heartily concur with the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Bean.

Mr. BEAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I too would like to go on record as favoring the motion of my good friend, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy. Somewhere I have read these words: "What a child sees makes the most lasting impressions." I agree with my friend, the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Edgar, that I dislike to have my little grandchildren see the things on television and listen to the things on radio that they are forced to listen to. We have been taught that the home was the most sacred spot on earth, and it seems to me that it is being interfered with in these cases.

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

Mr. MCCLUSKEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Just as a matter of clarification, this L.D. calls for this memorial banning beer and wine advertising. Under the present federal regulations whiskey and hard liquor advertising is banned both on radio and television, and I think that anybody that has been around knows that you can get just as high on beer or wine as you can on hard liquor, and I certainly would like to support the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy.

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

Mr. ROUNDY: Mr. Speaker: I wish to make one statement and that is that one of the sacred cornerstones of our American government is the right to petition.

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

Mr. RICH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sorry I have to disagree with our respected gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin. He and I generally see eye to eye on these things, but regardless of whether Congress pays any attention to a memorial of this kind, I do think it is a good thing for us to show where we stand, and I hope that the majority of you will go along with us on accepting this minority report as the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, has so ably presented it. I have sixteen grandchildren, and I hate to see them looking at the television and seeing wine and beer made so attractive. I think it is disgusting and I think we ought to do something about it.

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

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have been over to my neighbors once or twice and that is what I have seen and it made me so darn sick of the whole thing that I will not even purchase a television.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterford, Mr. Pike.

Mr. PIKE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: I just want to go on record as favoring this "Ought to pass" report. I have grandchildren too and to me it is very disgusting to see this advertising.

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

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I know that the hour is late, but I just cannot help from thinking here that even though the petition that we send to Congress does not amount to anything, the right to send it is one that is very precious, and I think the only thing we can judge on here is as to whether it should be sent, not as to how they will accept it, and I would just like to go along on the idea of the advertising on TV and perhaps we could think of the way we live ourselves as the reason that we have these pro-

grams and the advertising that we have.

Perhaps I could point it out this way: "What are you going to be my son when you have reached your manhood years,

A doctor, a lawyer or an actor great, moving throngs to laughter and tears?

But he shook his head as he made his reply in the serious way he had,

I don't think I want to be any of them: I want to be like my Dad. So he wants to be like his Dad, you men, did you ever think as you pause,

The boy who watches your every move is building a set of laws, He is moulding a life you're the model for, and whether it's good or bad

Depends on the type of example set for the boy who would be like his Dad.

Would you have him go everywhere you go, and do all the things you do;

Have him see everything your eyes behold, and woo all the Gods you woo?

When you look at the worship that shines in the eyes of that lovable little lad;

Would you rest content if he got his wish, and grew to be like his Dad?

It is a job none other than you can fill; it's a charge you must answer for;

It's your duty to show him the road to tread, ere he reaches manhood's door.

It's a debt that you owe, for the greatest joy on this old earth to be had;

The pleasure of having a boy to raise, who wants to be like his Dad."

(Applause)

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, that the Minority Report "Ought to be adopted" be accepted.

The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, has requested a division.

As many as are in favor of the acceptance of the Minority Report "Ought to be adopted" on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress

to Pass Legislation Outlawing Alcoholic Beverage Advertising Over the Air, House Paper 837, Legislative Document 1198, will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Ninety having voted in the affirmative and seventeen having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Minority Report was accepted, the Joint Resolution adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker: I wish to express my admiration for this House notwithstanding my remarks that I thought it was useless. They have shown that they stand behind principle, the principle of the right to petition Congress, and I agree that that is true. I am proud of this House in spite of the fact they voted against me. (Applause)

#### Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Regulate Eligibility of Premises for Which Liquor Licenses May Be Granted" (H. P. 1004) (L. D. 1151)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CRABTREE of Aroostook  
BOUCHER of Androscoggin  
CARPENTER of Somerset  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. COTE of Lewiston  
DOSTIE of Winslow  
CHARLES of Portland  
PIERCE of Bucksport  
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. ANTHOINE of Windham  
Mrs. CHRISTIE of Presque Isle  
Mr. RICH of Charleston  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, the two Reports were tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 20.)



### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Fee for Permits Granted by Board of Harbor Commissioners for Harbor of Portland" (S. P. 82) (L. D. 171)

Was 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 Definition of Contract Carrier" (S. P. 522) (L. D. 1427)

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

(On motion of Mr. Osborne of Fairfield, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow, Thursday, April 14.)

Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Law Relating to Contents of Certificates of Organization of Telegraph, Telephone, Gas and Electric Companies" (S. P. 523) (L. D. 1428)

Bill "An Act Revising the Maine State Retirement System" (S. P. 524) (L. D. 1432)

Bill "An Act Providing for Group Life Insurance for State Employees and Teachers" (S. P. 525) (L. D. 1429)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire and Increasing Salary of the Recorder of the Westbrook Municipal Court" (S. P. 526) (L. D. 1430)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Appointment of a Civil Engineer of the City of Lewiston by the Department of Public Works" (H. P. 436) (L. D. 482)

Bill "An Act relating to Unlicensed Dogs" (H. P. 595) (L. D. 651)

Bill "An Act relating to Construction of Fishways" (H. P. 654) (L. D. 731)

Bill "An Act relating to Powers and Duties of Special Administrators" (H. P. 664) (L. D. 740)

Bill "An Act relating to the Wells and York Game Preserve" (H. P. 739) (L. D. 820)

Bill "An Act to Ratify and Make Valid the Incorporation of the Sebago Lake Congregational Church" (H. P. 784) (L. D. 867)

Bill "An Act relating to the Fifth Maine Regiment Memorial Society" (H. P. 831) (L. D. 922)

Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Trustees for the Kennebec Water District" (H. P. 1007) (L. D. 1154)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Jurors and Witnesses" (H. P. 1185) (L. D. 1440)

Bill "An Act relating to Records of Time Worked" (H. P. 1191) (L. D. 1454)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Rattlesnake (Pequawket) Pond, Oxford County (H. P. 189) (L. D. 194)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Kewayden Lake and Virginia Lake in Oxford County (H. P. 357) (L. D. 395)

Resolve Closing Spring Pond in Piscataquis County to Fishing Except Fly Fishing (H. P. 470) (L. D. 515)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Cobbosseecontee Stream in Kennebec County (H. P. 538) (L. D. 595)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Second Gardner's Lake in Marion Township, Washington County (H. P. 657) (L. D. 734)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Johnson Pond in Knox County (H. P. 660) (L. D. 736)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing for Trout in St. Croix Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 661) (L. D. 737)

Resolve Regulating White Perch, Bass and Pickerel Fishing in Lake Anasagunticook (H. P. 741) (L. D. 822)

Resolve Regulating Fishing for Black Bass in Androscoggin County (H. P. 825) (L. D. 917)

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 and sent to the Senate.

### Tabled and Assigned

Resolve Designating Part of Route 9 as State Highway (H. P. 883) (L. D. 991)

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

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

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker, I have discovered that I committed a minor error in drafting the resolve and in order to correct that error I would like to have the resolve lie

on the table and be specially assigned for next Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, moves that the Resolve lie on the table pending second reading and be specially assigned for next Wednesday, April 20. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Resolve Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of a Bridge Across the Passagassawaukeag River (H. P. 1190) (L. D. 1453)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier. For what purpose does the gentlewoman rise?

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker, to move reconsideration, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentlewoman kindly make her motion.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our action whereby we accepted the "Ought not to pass" report on Item 10 on page 4, Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Benefits for Total Unemployment under Employment Security Law."

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby earlier this morning it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Benefits for Total Unemployment under Employment Security Law", House Paper 964, Legislative Document 1090. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, on further motion of the same gentlewoman, the Report

with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 19.

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

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have Item 17 under Reports of Committees lie on the table until next Tuesday, April 19.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman to kindly defer his motion until that would next come up in the order of proceedings.

#### Amended Bills

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

Bill "An Act relating to Regulation of Railroads by Public Utilities Commission" (S. P. 378) (L. D. 1074)

Bill "An Act relating to Power to Hold Property by Corporations Without Capital Stock" (H. P. 593) (L. D. 646)

Bill "An Act relating to Bar Harbor Property Owners Corporation" (H. P. 829) (L. D. 921)

Resolve relating to Use of Seines in Medomak River, Lincoln County (S. P. 307) (L. D. 812)

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

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the notices not printed.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland,

Adjourned until nine-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.