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

Prayer by the Rev. George S. Graffam, Pastor of the Methodist Church of Readfield.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

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

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Admittance of and Charges for Patients at State Sanatoriums" (S. P. 212) (L. D. 553)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, May 3.)

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing for Two Deputy Commissioners of Institutional Service" (S. P. 454) (L. D. 1285)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Size of Fish and Number and Weight of Catch" (S. P. 186) (L. D. 438) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 550) (L. D. 1488) 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 Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Hospitalization of the Mentally Ill" (S. P. 480) (L. D. 1349) reported same in a new draft (S. P. 551) (L. D. 1489) 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.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: To prepare to speak on this bill, I move that it lie on the table and be assigned for tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, moves that the Report and Bill lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for tomorrow, April 29. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Education reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Changing Name of Madawaska Training School to Fort Kent State Normal School" (S. P. 342) (L. D. 951)

Report of the Committee on Highways reporting same on Resolve designating Route No. 182 as a State Highway (S. P. 488) (L. D. 1357)

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, Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Board of Registration, Public Library Committee and Town Clerk in Caribou" (S. P. 350) (L. D. 959) 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. 350, L. D. 959, Bill "An Act Relating to Board of Registration, Public Library Committee and Town Clerk in Caribou."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 46, Sec. 3, sub-Sec. (b), paragraph 2, amended. Paragraph 2 of subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 46 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'2. One member of the public library committee to serve for a term of 2 5 years.' "

Further amend said Bill by striking out the first 2 lines of the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

" 'Sec. 5-D. Public library committee. The town council of Caribou shall elect by written ballot by a majority vote of the whole membership"

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word **"town"** in the 3rd line from the end the underlined word **'council'**

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

'Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Caribou, present and voting at a regular or special town meeting held within 1 year of the effective date of this act, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such meeting. The meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Caribou shall

not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such special meeting, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters and the 3rd day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said list and to complete and close up their records of said sessions.

The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to Board of Registration, Public Library Committee and Town Clerk in Caribou,' passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 20 per cent of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Caribou and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.'

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 Wards and Their Boundaries in the City of Eastport" (S. P. 375) (L. D. 1071) 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. 375, L. D. 1071, Bill "An Act relating to Wards and Their Boundaries in the City of Eastport."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end the following Referendum:

'Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Eastport at the next regular or special election to be held within 1 year of the effective date of this act, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such election. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to Wards and Their Boundaries in the City of Eastport,' passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided, however, that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equaled or exceeded 20 per cent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Eastport and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

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

Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Public Utilities reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing the Law Prohibiting the Transmission of Electric Power Beyond the State" (S. P. 166) (L. D. 363)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. LESSARD of Androscoggin
MARTIN of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Messrs. COOK of Portage Lake
GILMARTIN of Portland
SKOLFIELD of Harpswell
HAUGHN of Bridgton
BERNIER of Waterville
— 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:

Mr. SILSBY of Hancock
— of the Senate.

Messrs. OSBORNE of Fairfield
CYR of Fort Kent
— of the House.

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

In the House: Reports were read.

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

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: You will notice that I signed the minority report and to explain the difference, if you have not followed this closely, about the only difference, in fact the only difference between the two reports was that the minority report recommended that this matter be given to the people by referendum.

It was my feeling and I am sure the feeling of the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, that a statute that had been on the books since 1909 and had once before been the subject of a referendum and the people had decided that they wished to retain it, we felt that it was of sufficient consequence to warrant another referendum to let the people decide whether they wished to remove it from the books or not. However, I find that this matter was quite thoroughly debated over in the other branch recently. It is very evident that they want the majority report which would do away with the Fernald Act so-called without any referendum. Therefore, unless any member feels firmly to the contrary, I move that we accept the majority report and concur with the Senate at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, was out of order. The Chair did not act quickly enough but reference to action in the other branch is not in order.

The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, moves that the Majority "Ought to pass" Report on Bill "An Act Repealing the Law Prohibiting the Transmission of Electric Power Beyond the State", Senate Paper 166, Legislative Document 363, be accepted in concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr.

Mr. CYR: Mr. Speaker, I move that this Item 8 lie on the table, unassigned because I intend to discuss this matter in the future. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, moves that the two Reports and Bill lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, that the Majority Report be accepted. 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 Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, that the two Reports and Bill lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, that the Majority Report be accepted will signify by saying aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was started.

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, rise?

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, for a point of explanation. I do not know whether it is in order or not but I would —

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire as to what the gentleman wishes to explain.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to state a reason —

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the matter is not debatable.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, that the two Reports and Bill "An Act Repealing the Law Prohibiting the Transmission of

Electric Power Beyond the State," Senate Paper 166, Legislative Document 363, lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, that the Majority Report be accepted in concurrence 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.

Thirty-eight having voted in the affirmative and forty having voted in the negative, the motion to table did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, that the Majority "Ought to pass" Report be accepted in concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr.

Mr. CYR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I had no intent of taking part in the deliberations in this House. However, under the circumstances, I believe that some remarks should be made to clarify my stand in the matter of referring this question to the people.

Fortunately or unfortunately, I was a member at the time of the Interior Waters Committee back in 1911, which has been changed to the Public Utilities at this time. At that time, the Fernald Law was advocated as a measure that would help Maine. There was, at that time, a proposition to allow a foreign company to come into Maine and develop the Kennebec Valley, one of the greatest futures for the valley, I, as a member of that committee, was in favor of allowing the construction of the several dams that were proposed on the Kennebec.

Now, I hope, Mr. Speaker, that I can discuss this matter because the issue is to repeal the Fernald Law, as I understand it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it only admonished the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, to point out that a reference to the action in the other House is not in order.

Mr. CYR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At that time it was argued that if we allowed this company to come in here, they were going to create such a tremendous amount of elec-

tric power that they would be compelled to ask to send this surplus power outside of the State. Now, if I could use the same argument that was made at that time by the opponent, I quote, "if we allow the electricity to go beyond the State of Maine that the State of Maine in the future would remain to be a power house and a transmission line."

Now, we have heard several arguments before our Committee on this matter, some of it was even confusing. We know for a fact that in the past forty years, there has been a tremendous amount of electric energy created in Maine, especially in the Kennebec Valley. We were told that there was no surplus of electricity at this time. If that is so, which I believe it is, it is evident to me that the Fernald Law has retained industries in Maine and it has attracted others. If we are using all of that tremendous amount of electric energy that was created in the past forty years, I am convinced that the Fernald Law has been very good to the State of Maine in holding its industries and possibly bringing in new ones, be they great or small.

Now, that is my position for holding out that I believe we should retain the Fernald Law regardless of who wants it repealed. Now, I have a proposition which is very impressive to me on a river whose power has not been tapped. That is the St. John Valley River. It is one of the largest, if not the largest river in the State of Maine. Being an international river, a question has arisen lately that the water that has been diverted from that river for the past seventy - odd years should be returned to its natural course. And in order that this water be restored where it belongs, a storage dam will be constructed on the St. John Valley in the near future. If we must judge the future by the past, it would create a tremendous amount of electric energy in the valley in time and if we allow the Fernald Law to remain on our statutes, the chances are that this energy will be used in Maine. Now, God knows that the County of Arrostook could stand some industries up there right now. They are

struggling to survive on a potato diet. And if industries come into our county to use this energy, I believe it would benefit not only the county but the whole State.

Now, I could go along and cite what happened on the St. John River a few years back, which is today the cause of asking that this water be restored to the St. John drainage. Everybody on the St. John River at that time both above and below Grand Falls, and Grand Falls is supposed to be the Niagara of New England, were all in favor of allowing the development of this power, hoping that industries would be established along the valley, both above and below the falls. The result was that when the power was ready for distribution, it was transmitted over the mountains to a seacoast town known as Campbellton or Dalhousie, where it is used now. Now, if the same happened, and I do not care what arguments are brought in, that we are going to benefit by exchange of power, I am convinced that that electric energy on the St. John Valley undoubtedly would be transmitted in the southeastern direction to the seacoast of the Bay of Chaleur or in a northwest direction, which is less than one hundred miles from the point of origin to the St. Lawrence River.

I was told by the proponent of this measure that there is a possibility, maybe, that this power would be developed within twenty-five or thirty years. I know it for a fact that this International Water Commission has decided that something should be done to restore the water to its original course, either by blowing out those dams at the head of the Allagash River, which diverts the water into the Penobscot River, or by creating this dam on the St. John River which shall be a storage dam as well as a power dam.

Now, if we retain the Fernald Law, I believe that the State would benefit by it and if it is not going to be constructed within twenty-five years, what is the hurry? Is there any need of repealing the Fernald Law at this time? I contend that if we are going to build this dam within twenty-five years, that we

do not need to hurry about repealing the Fernald Law and if the State of Maine has not any electric energy at this time to spare as we were told by the promoters of this measure, we were even told that we are making electricity by steam at this time to supplement the needs. What is the need of repealing the law to allow us to transport electricity outside of the State if we have not got it? Now, where is it that there is a possibility that we are going to have it? It is on the St. John Valley and no other place. They even went further, the proponents, before our committee. They stated that it was cheaper to make electricity by steam at this time than by hydro water power. Now, I imagine that is more or less bologna, more or less to confuse us so that we could not arrive at a just decision as to how to vote on this measure. Everybody knows what the Great Northern Paper Company, one of the largest industries in Maine, did. They employed some of the highest paid engineers in the country. Now, if those engineers after studying the issue decided that the Great Northern would have to spend millions of dollars on the Ripogenus River to create hydro electric power by water, it is evident to me that it is cheaper by steam. And if it is cheaper by steam, what prevents Massachusetts or any other section of the country to provide their own power by steam and diesel?

Well, probably I have said more than I intended and I am cutting off by hoping that the several gentlemen who may be interested might add a few words to this because I do not like to stand alone on this matter. Personally, I do not care how you vote. I am not interested either in the distribution of electricity in Maine or the sending it out of the State. I am going to use electricity in Maine notwithstanding the cost but they can not convince me that if we allow it to go outside of the State that it is going to be any cheaper. Thank you.

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

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I wish first to apologize to the Chair

for mentioning any unmentionables recently. Then I would like to say that I respect very much not only the years but the knowledge that the gentleman who who has just spoken has on this subject because everyone here, there are others who are possibly approaching him in service here, but no one has been on this committee like he has ever since its inception, in fact, when it was operating under a different name but was essentially what is now the Public Utilities Committee of Legislature. And because of my respect for him and the fact that I know that he feels very deeply and very sincerely in this matter and also because I feel that there is a great deal of truth in what he says, I am going to withdraw my motion so that if he so cares, the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, may offer a motion that we accept the minority report on this measure.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, withdraws his motion. The Chair will state that there is no motion pending before the House.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr.

Mr. CYR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that we accept the minority report and refer it to the people if I am in order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, moves that the Minority Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" be accepted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Bernier.

Mr. BERNIER: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It was my hope that at the time the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, originally made his motion on the majority report that this would be tabled due to the absence and, I believe, illness of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Bean, who introduced a companion bill, a bill which also affects the Fernald Law and I believe that it would be only fair to table this bill and to discuss both issues at the same time. I therefore make the motion that this bill be tabled.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Bernier, moves

that the two Reports and Bill "An Act Repealing the Law Prohibiting the Transmission of Electric Power Beyond the State", Senate Paper 166, Legislative Document 363, lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, that the Minority Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

As many as are in favor of the motion that the two Reports and Bill lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, that the Minority Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" be accepted, will kindly indicate by saying aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the two Reports and Bill were so tabled.

Ought to Pass in New Draft Amended in Senate

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Public School Adult Education" (S. P. 322) (L. D. 888) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 537) (L. D. 1463) 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 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. 537, L. D. 1463, Bill "An Act Relating to Public School Adult Education."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the State the sum of \$6,400 for the year ending June 30, 1956 and the sum of \$9,100 for the year ending June 30, 1957 to carry out the purposes of this act.'

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

Ought to Pass Amended in Senate

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Directors of Corporations" (S. P. 269) (L. D. 700)

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. 269, L. D. 700, Bill "An Act relating to Directors of Corporations."

Amend said Bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"R.S., c. 53, Sec. 32, amended. The 4th sentence of section 32 of chapter 53 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Directors must need not be and remain stockholders, except that a member of another corporation, who owns stock and has a right to vote thereon, may be a director.'

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

Ought Not to Pass Recommitted in Senate

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Compulsory Commitment of Persons Infected with Tuberculosis" (S. P. 367) (L. D. 1063)

Came from the Senate with the Report and Bill recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House: Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Browne of Bangor, the House voted to concur with the Senate.

**Ought Not to Pass
Bill Substituted in Senate
Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Policemen" (S. P. 117) (L. D. 276) as it is covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate with the Bill substituted for the Report and passed to be engrossed.

In the House:

In the House: Report was read.

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

Mr. BROWNE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that we concur with the Senate in substituting the Bill for the Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Browne, moves that the Bill be substituted for the Report in concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Miss Cormier.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker, because several persons who are interested in this bill are not in their seats this morning, I would like to lay this matter on the table until tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, moves that the Report and Bill lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Browne, that the Bill be substituted for the Report in concurrence and assigned for tomorrow, April 29. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter
Tabled and Assigned**

Joint Order recalling to the House from the legislative files Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought not to pass" on (H. P. 309) (L. D. 846) Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Stetson for Aid Extended to Carlton Johnson (H. P. 1217) which was read and passed in the House on April 26.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

(On motion of Mr. Carter of Newport, the Joint Order was tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Tuesday, May 3.)

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to the Board of Finance of the City of Lewiston" (H. P. 631) (L. D. 671) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in the House on April 19.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, the House voted to insist on its former action and request a Committee of Conference.

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

Orders

On motion of Mr. Davis of Westbrook, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Fr. Arthur Cloutier of Mount Merici Academy of Waterville be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, May 5, 1955.

The SPEAKER: The Chair requests the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, to the rostrum for the purpose of presiding as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Finemore 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. Haughn from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act relating to Facilities Furnished by Public Utilities for Rate Fixing Purposes" (H. P. 789) (L. D. 872) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass Tabled

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve for Development of Revenue-Producing Park Facilities on Mt. Battie (H. P. 866) (L. D. 978)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Camden, Mr. Libby.

Mr. LIBBY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table L. D. 978 unassigned and I promise to take it off the table within the next two or three legislative days.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Camden, Mr. Libby, moves that the Report and Resolve be tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be unassigned. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Education reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Amending the Provisions for General-Purpose Educational Aid, Minimum Salaries for Teachers and Reimbursement for Professional Credits" (H. P. 139) (L. D. 139)

Mr. Albert from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lara Tyler of Oakland (H. P. 935)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Albert from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Marie L. Lachance of Lewiston (H. P. 1009)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote.

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My colleague, the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Dumais, is very much interested in this resolve. He being absent this week, I move that this lie on the table unassigned.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, moves that the Report and Resolve 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 Resolve were so tabled.

Ought to Pass in New Draft Printed Bills

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Removal of the Old Vaughan Bridge" (H. P. 141) (L. D. 141) which was recommitted, reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1225) (L. D. 1506) under title of "An Act relating to Discontinuance of Vaughan Bridge and Approaches Thereto as a Public Way" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Stilphen from the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to Registration for Barbers and Apprentice Barbers" (H. P. 1184) (L. D. 1439) which was recommitted, reported same in a second new draft (H. P. 1227) (L. D. 1508) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Tabled

Mr. Woodworth from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officials of Penobscot County" (H. P. 948) (L. D. 1051) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1226) (L. D. 1507) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted.

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think before I make any motion a few remarks might be in order. There may be something wrong with this bill as well as the one that I already have on the table and in view of the fact that I am particularly interested in Piscataquis County being included if any pass, I move that this matter lie on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, moves that the Bill lie on the table pending first reading and be unassigned. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

(Removed from the table later in the day)

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Cates from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Calais Armory Project (H. P. 33) (L. D. 50)

Mr. Edwards from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Sanford Armory Project (H. P. 87) (L. D. 98)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the Town of New Gloucester (H. P. 573) (L. D. 633)

Mr. Henry from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Westbrook Armory Project (H. P. 88) (L. D. 99)

Mr. Jacobs from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Auburn Armory Project (H. P. 1059) (L. D. 1232)

Mr. Rogerson from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Fort Kent Armory Project (H. P. 135) (L. D. 137)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Houlton Armory Project (H. P. 701) (L. D. 769)

Mr. Stanley from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Skowhegan Armory Project (H. P. 336) (L. D. 377)

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

Mr. Stilphen from the Committee on Public Health reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Transferring State Sanatoriums from Department of Institutional Service to Department of Health and Welfare" (H. P. 1134) (L. D. 1332)

Report was read and accepted.

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

what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I rise for some information on this bill, please.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I want to make it very clear that I am not opposed to the bill or the act but I would appreciate some information from the committee and would so request it through the Chair because I feel that it is a very important move and a departure from many years of policy, as to how they drew the line between state sanatoria and other institutions since we have so many which should be broken away from the Department of Institutional Service and transferred to Health and Welfare. I repeat, I am not opposed to it I would just like to have some information on it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, requests information on Legislative Document 1332.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Bibber.

Mr. BIBBER: Mr. Speaker, I will try to answer the question to the best of my ability. The reason for the transfer from the Department of Institutional Service to the Department of Health and Welfare came from a survey made by the Legislative Research Committee. From their recommendations, former Governor Cross set up a layman's committee with two outside consultants to study the T. B. problem. Yesterday afternoon, we met as a committee with the committee set up by Governor Cross and the two consultants and from the survey that was made by the committee, it was their recommendation for efficiency in administration and from a health problem over all, that this section, the T.B. sanatoria and the T.B. problem, be taken from the Institutional Affairs and be placed under Health and Welfare. Does that answer the gentleman's question?

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

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers of Oxford County" (H. P. 1054) (L. D. 1229)

Mr. Staples from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of County Attorney of Franklin County" (H. P. 945) (L. D. 1048)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair notes the presence in the balcony of the House of sixteen students from the Eighth Grade of Waterford Memorial School accompanied by Mrs. Oscar Andrews, Mrs. George Wiley, Mrs. Fred Stearns, and Mr. Herbert Houston.

On behalf of the House, the Chair appreciates your being here this morning and hopes that you can take home something that will benefit you in future life. Thank you. (Applause)

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Rogerson from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Funeral Expenses for Recipients of Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 571) (L. D. 631) 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. 571, L. D. 631, Bill "An Act relating to Funeral Expenses for Recipients of Old Age Assistance."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the headnote in the 1st line thereof the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end thereof the following: 'Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$12,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and \$12,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 to carry out the purposes of this act.'

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

Mr. Roundy from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Approval and Accreditation of Secondary Schools" (H. P. 343) (L. D. 422) 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. 343, L. D. 422, Bill "An Act relating to Approval and Accreditation of Secondary Schools."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words "at two levels—**basic approval and accreditation**" in the 6th and 7th lines and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words: '**for basic approval and may be evaluated for accreditation**'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure "7" in the 2nd line of Subsection VII of that part designated "Sec. 98" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '9'

Further amend said Bill by adding after the underlined word "approved" in the 4th line of Section 5, the underlined word 'public'

Further amend said Bill by indicating the striking out of the word "in" in the 5th line of Section 5 by drawing a line through said word and inserting immediately after said stricken out word, the underlined word 'by'

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

Mr. Hilton from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Increasing Certain County Salaries in Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1050) (L. D. 1225) 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. 1050, L. D. 1225, Bill "An Act Increasing Certain County Salaries in Androscoggin County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure "\$3,800" in the 5th line and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$3,500'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 2 thereof.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure "\$4,000" in the 4th line of Section 4 and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure \$4,050'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure "\$2,500" in the 9th line of section 5 and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$2,800'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering "Sec. 3" to "Sec. 6" to read 'Sec. 2' to 'Sec. 5', respectively.

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

"Sec. 6. R. S., c. 89, Sec. 215, amended. That part of section 215 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes which relates to the salary of the register of deeds of Androscoggin county is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Androscoggin, \$3,300 \$4,000.'

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

Mr. Woodworth from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Harpswell Neck" (H. P. 282) (L. D. 266) 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. 282, L. D. 266, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Harpswell Neck."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, the following new section:

'Sec. 8. Local referendum provided for; procedure of election; form of question; certificate to secretary of state. This act shall take

effect 90 days after adjournment of the legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of said proposed town of Harpswell Neck, voting by ballot at an election to be specially called and held for the purpose within 60 days of the effective date of this act. The board of selectmen of the town of Harpswell shall call said election to be held at a place within said territory and upon a date to be specified in writing by them. Said board of selectmen shall make and provide a separate check list for such of the voters within said territory as are then legal voters therein, and the call for such election shall be varied accordingly to show that only such voters are entitled to vote therein. Such election shall otherwise be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; providing, however, that the selectmen shall not be required to prepare nor the town clerk to post a new check list of voters, and for this purpose said board shall be in session the two secular days next preceding such election, the 1st day thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said list and to complete and close up the records of said sessions. The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Incorporate the Town of Harpswell Neck be accepted? and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No", their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a vote of 65 per cent of the legal voters voting at said election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 65 per cent of the total number of the qualified voters within said territory. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Harpswell, and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the secretary of State.'

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair notes in the balcony of the House nine pupils of the Problems of Democracy Class from Lisbon High School, accompanied by Miss Phyllis Rackliff.

On behalf of the House, the Chair also extends to you a hearty welcome this morning and hopes that you are able to obtain something that will be of use to you in later years. (Applause)

Mr. Woodworth from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge of Probate of Androscoggin County" (H. P. 565) (L. D. 613) 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. 565, L. D. 613, Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge of Probate of Androscoggin County."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the last line thereof the underlined figures "\$4,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures "\$3,750".

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 Resolve Designating Road from Fort Kent to Allagash Plantation as a State Road (H. P. 889) (L. D. 997)

Report was signed by the following members:

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

Messrs. FERGUSON of Hanover
NADEAU of Biddeford
HIGGINS of Scarborough
DUNN of Poland
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. JAMIESON of Aroostook
— of the Senate.

Messrs. DENBOW of Lubec
PULLEN of Oakland
CARTER of Etna
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson of Hanover, the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Classifying Road from Rockwood to Jackman as State Highway (H. P. 1124) (L. D. 1322)

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
DUNN of Poland
DENBOW of Lubec
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. NADEAU of Biddeford
HIGGINS of Scarborough
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson of Hanover, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted.

The Resolve was then given its first reading.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I note that some of the members on this minority report are not present here today and I would move that this Resolve because of its importance be tabled and unassigned.

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

(Conference at Rostrum)

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, withdraws his motion.

Thereupon, the Resolve was assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Empowering Cumberland County Commissioners to Raise Money for Roads in Pownal" (H. P. 624) (L. D. 665) which was recommitted.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WYMAN of Washington
FARLEY of York
FARRIS of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Messrs. STANLEY of Hampden
STAPLES of Newfield
WOODWORTH of Benton
WADLEIGH of
Mount Vernon
CIANCHETTE of Pittsfield
PORELL of Westbrook
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. HILTON of Bremen
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Crockett of Freeport, the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The following Report: (H. P. 1228) Pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 805, the Public Utilities Committee has carefully studied the report of the railroad derailment near Kennebec Siding furnished to it by the Public Utilities Commission.

The Committee wishes to commend the Public Utilities Commission for the fine investigation and report in the matter.

The Committee finds from conferences with the Public Utilities Commission and from study of the report, that the corrections and

changes which were set forth in the report can be effected by the Public Utilities Commission under the existing Statutes, so that the public will be adequately protected.

It is, therefore, the unanimous report of the Public Utilities Committee that no new Legislation is deemed necessary at this time.

(Signed) Robert Martin
Alton A. Lessard
William S. Silsby
— of the Senate.

Elwood N. Osborne
John R. Gilmartin
Harvey W. Cook
George Skolfield
Albert L. Bernier
Orville B. Haughn
Irenece Cyr

— of the House.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cook of Portage Lake was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker, just as a point of information I notice that the Chairman of the Committee is not present at the moment but I am sure that he would like me to state that there are reports that were still available in the Public Utilities Commission. They did not have this report reproduced for everybody here due to the cost of having it prepared but if there is anyone who is interested in reading that report, that information is available and anybody who would care to go up to the Public Utilities Commission can have a copy of it or each member of the Committee has a copy of the report of the Commission and we would be glad to have anyone inspect it who would like to see it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair thanks the gentleman.

First Reading of Printed Resolve

Resolve Granting a Pension to Katharine M. Rolfe of Bridgton (H. P. 388) (L. D. 1509)

Was read once and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Lewiston re

Elections, Election of Mayor, Aldermen, Warden and Ward Clerk" (H. P. 437) (L. D. 483)

Resolve in favor of Dr. John D. Denison of Patten (H. P. 526) (L. D. 1510)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Protected Birds" (H. P. 898) (L. D. 1006)

Bill "An Act relating to Political Caucuses" (H. P. 1146) (L. D. 1361)

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

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Members of Board of Registration of Voters of Bath" (H. P. 1198) (L. D. 1467)

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to an Aerial Timber Survey" (H. P. 770) (L. D. 855)

Bill "An Act relating to the Duties and Authority of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration" (H. P. 1218) (L. D. 1494)

Bill "An Act relating to Deception as to Retail Prices of Motor Fuel" (H. P. 1219) (L. D. 1495)

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 Pari Mutuel Pools at Harness Horse Race Meets" (H. P. 1222) (L. D. 1496)

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

(On motion of Mr. Quinn of Bangor, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow, April 29.)

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Records for Running Horse Race Meets" (H. P. 1223) (L. D. 1497)

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

(On motion of Mr. Quinn of Bangor, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow, April 29.)

Bill "An Act relating to Splash Guards for Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1224) (L. D. 1498)

Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at the Outlet of China Lake, in the Towns of China and Vassalboro, in the County of Kennebec (S. P. 549) (L. D. 1490)

Resolve relating to Anticipation of State Aid Funds by Town of Bremen (H. P. 775) (L. D. 858)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Publication of Specimen Ballots" (S. P. 464) (L. D. 1308)

Bill "An Act Validating Joint Tenancy Deeds" (S. P. 483) (L. D. 1352)

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer System for Town of Winthrop" (H. P. 155) (L. D. 155)

Bill "An Act relating to the Printing of the Blood Type of the Operator on the Operator's License" (H. P. 403) (L. D. 420)

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

Third Reader Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Lights on Rear of Trucks" (H.P. 1023) (L. D. 1163)

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

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, there is some question of the need

for a slight amendment on this bill. I therefore move that it be tabled unassigned.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, moves that Item 18, Legislative Document 1163, be tabled pending third reading and be unassigned. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled.

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Sheriff of Cumberland County" (S. P. 234) (L. D. 570)

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

Bill "An Act Defining and Regulating the Collection Agency Business and the Budget Planning Business" (H. P. 1157) (L. D. 1375)

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

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Disability Retirement Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System (S. P. 380) (L. D. 1076)

Was 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.

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Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Age of Commitment to State School for Boys (H. P. 1062) (L. D. 1250)

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

(On motion of Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for tomorrow, April 29.)

At this point Speaker Trafton returned to the rostrum.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, to his

seat on the floor, amid the applause of the House, and Speaker Trafton resumed the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to thank the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore, and state that day after day we see that there are 150 good speakers in the Maine House of Representatives.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve to Simplify the Open Water Fishing Laws by Counties, House Paper 1220, Legislative Document 1499, tabled on April 27 by the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, pending first reading.

The Chair would state that this Resolve may have more than one amendment. If the resolve is amended after engrossing, it is an expensive thing for the State and it would be an orderly procedure to wait until the resolve has had its first reading before amendments are offered. The resolve is in order for first reading.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I just appreciate these comments the Speaker has made. My favorite fishing water is in Green Lake in Hancock County, and I notice in referring to that county in one place they say that bass fishing is under the daily bag limit and in another place they say it is not, and I would suggest that since this bill is a bill to simplify open water fishing in the various counties that everyone should peruse the bill as far as their county is concerned, and be prepared to make amendments, because it is too bad to have a thing like that happen in other counties. I am going to ask for an amendment at the proper time on that particular thing.

The SPEAKER: The Chair thanks the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, for his comments.

Thereupon, the Resolve was given its first reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, moves that the Resolve with accompanying papers lie

on the table pending assignment for second reading and be specially assigned for tomorrow. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve to Simplify the Ice Fishing Laws by Counties, House Paper 1221, Legislative Document 1500, tabled on April 27 by the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, pending first reading.

Thereupon, the Resolve was given its first reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, moves that the Resolve lie on the table pending assignment for second reading and be specially assigned for tomorrow. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the Recorder of Waldo County Municipal Court", House Paper 632, Legislative Document 672, tabled on April 27 by the gentleman from Searsmont, Mr. Knight, pending passage to be engrossed and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of that gentleman, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Sales of Milk by Producers to Dealers by Bulk Tank", House Paper 862, Legislative Document 974, tabled on April 27 by the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, pending passage to be engrossed.

Thereupon, Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 862, L. D. 974, Bill "An Act re-

lating to Sales of Milk by Producers to Dealers by Bulk Tank."

Amend said Bill in the last line by striking out the underlined figure "50c" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'such amounts'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "weight" the underlined words 'as may be determined by the Maine Milk Commission'

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Briggs of Caribou was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BRIGGS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I want to call your attention to the fact that I have asked to have this small booklet on the Clean Waters Act distributed to your desks this morning. My reason for doing this is to give you an opportunity to review the act prior to the time that it appears on the House Calendar which I anticipate will be very soon now, and possibly tomorrow. This little booklet is an exact replica of the act itself under Document 1372, the only difference being that the make-up of the Commission has not been included in this booklet. I would appreciate it a good deal if all of you folks who are interested in this subject would take advantage of the opportunity to perhaps take this booklet along in your pocket and look it over so that you could ask any questions that you wanted to on it and I will do my best to answer them for you at the time we take it under consideration. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes that yesterday the table was reduced by thirteen items. It hopes that this morning more tabled and unassigned matters may be discussed and disposed of.

Thereupon, on motion of the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, the House voted to take from the table the thirty-second tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Education on Bill

"An Act relating to Instruction in High Schools on American Freedoms", Senate Paper 110, Legislative Document 271, tabled on April 19 by that gentleman pending acceptance.

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

Mr. STILPHEN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to now move to substitute the Bill for the Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, moves that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Searsmont, Mr. Knight.

Mr. KNIGHT: Mr. Speaker, as the House Chairman of the Education Committee is not in the room at this time, I request that this matter be tabled until tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Searsmont, Mr. Knight, moves that the Report and Bill be tabled pending the motion of the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, that the Bill be substituted for the Report and be specially assigned for tomorrow, April 29. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are in the balcony of the House sixty-four students from the Eighth Grade of the Portland Junior High Cathedral School, accompanied by Sister Helena, Sister Rose, Sister Emanuel and Sister Francina.

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

On motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Charles, the House voted to take from the table the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Regulating the Solicitation and Collection of Funds for Charitable Purposes", House Paper 111, Legislative Document 119, tabled on April 6 by that gentleman pending acceptance.

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

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. Speaker, I move at this time that the Bill be substituted for the Report pursuant to the admission of an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Charles, moves that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee.

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. Speaker, has my motion been accepted?

The SPEAKER: The Chair understood that the gentleman wished to debate the question by remaining standing.

Is it the pleasure of the House that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was substituted for the Report.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings.

Mr. Charles of Portland then offered House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 111, L. D. 119, Bill "An Act Regulating the Solicitation and Collection of Funds for Charitable Purposes."

Amend said Bill by adding after the underlined words and punctuation "one year". in the 7th line of that part designated "Sec. 274-C", the following underlined sentences: "The Department shall grant such license whenever if shall be shown to its satisfaction that the person or organization requesting the license is reputable and responsible and has suitable facilities for applying the funds to the purpose for which they are to be solicited, and that the records of such funds and the purpose for which they are used will be properly and accurately kept. Such license shall be furnished to the licensee without fee or charge, and may be revoked by the Department whenever in its discretion it seems for the best interest of the public to do so."

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of Subsection II of that

part designated "Sec. 274-C" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined subsection:

'II. The names and addresses of president, secretary and treasurer and places where records will be kept; addresses shall include both residence and place of business.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined word "registration" in the 1st line of Subsection VIII of that part designated "Sec. 274-C" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word "application"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of Subsection III of that part designated "Sec. 274-B"

Further amend said Bill by adding after that part designated "Sec. 274-D" a new underlined section to read as follows:

"Sec. 274-E. Enforcement and penalties. In the event that any solicitation is conducted without compliance with the terms of sections 274-A to 274-D, inclusive, the Department shall have the right to enjoin the solicitation and the person concerned shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

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

On motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, the House voted to take from the table the seventeenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Amending of the Charter of the City of Lewiston re Appointments by Mayor and Membership and Terms of Boards and Commissions", House Paper 438, Legislative Document 484, tabled on April 8 by that gentleman pending acceptance.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker, I move to substitute the bill for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, moves that the Bill be substituted

for the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is a very good bill and at the same time a very serious bill. I am very sorry that I am going to be obliged to bring up before you a very sad story about the present charter of the City of Lewiston. Now at the present time we have seven commissions, five men on each commission. It is very hard for a Mayor to keep up and try to find out what is going on in the City of Lewiston, that is, it is hard for the Mayor to give good administration. To be Mayor under the present charter takes a man with iron nerves. The Mayor has got to fight with seven commissions, five men on each commission. The Mayor is the Chairman of the Finance Board. The Finance Board has got all the power, the Mayor is there at the head of the table at the meeting of the Finance Board, and he is there like a slave, they do not want to take his advice. It is hard for the Mayor to prove his ability. Now my bill is to reduce the number of the members of the commission on every commission from five to three. It is hard enough to fight with three without fighting with five. When the new charter was adopted in 1939, the Police Commission and the Fire Commission were composed of three members. It was good when the new charter was adopted, it is good now, three members. Everything was going fine on these two commissions. Since they raised the number of the commissioners from three to five, we have got troubles and it is terrible on one commission, the Police Commission.

Now I am very sorry to bring up before you at this time what I am going to bring up now, to show that the people of Lewiston need a change. They are waiting with open arms for a change in the city charter. A year ago, I am going to repeat again, I told you some time ago, the people of Lewiston at the city referendum voted 7,631 that they were not in favor of the present form of government. Those

that said they were in favor voted only 2,000, so you see 7,631 voted against the present charter, so that means they want a change. In 1951 I was elected Mayor. I am going to take 1950 first. In 1950 before I was elected Mayor the clerk, the secretary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court was arrested because \$4,797 was missing. She was sentenced to State's Prison. There is no accommodation at the State Prison for women so she was sent to Skowhegan. In 1951 I was elected Mayor of Lewiston. I complained and I knew there was something wrong in many departments because I was Alderman eight years. I complained to the Finance Board that there was something wrong in the Controller's office. The Controller was appointed by the Finance Board, and he is still appointed by the Finance Board, and I insisted that they make an investigation and they just laughed at me, they said they had the best confidence in the Controller. Every time I used to complain that there was something wrong in the Controller's office, the Finance Board passed a vote to give him a vote of confidence. When the Finance Board gave him a vote of confidence he was robbing the city by thousands and thousands of dollars. In 1952 he was arrested, I was not Mayor then. (Laughter) It was a good thing I was out of office. He was arrested. He stole \$8,876.76. He pleaded guilty. He was sent to State Prison. He is out now. In 1953 the Superintendent of the Schools was arrested. The reports show that he stole \$3,377.20. He was found guilty. His case is still in the law court since 1953. He must have got a good lawyer. (Laughter) In 1953, the very same year, we had a very big scandal in the Police Department, too serious for me to mention here. Perhaps some of you saw that in the papers. Now that shows that we need a change in our city charter. The Finance Board meets once a week for one hour or an hour and a half, and they look at the clock, they think it is too long, and they take the story from the Controller and they go home. They do not care what is going on, there is no direct supervision of the

men that work under them. The Finance Board operates the City Auditor, City Controller, Tax Collector and Treasurer, and Tax Assessor. They do not care what is going on after they are appointed. They are appointed except the tax assessor for one year, the tax assessor for three years. Now I watch them and I know what is going on and I know there is still something wrong, but the Finance Board do not want to listen to me. The time that I was out of office between 1951 and 1954, they had three clerical errors in the office of the tax collector. They did not even tell me last year when I was elected Mayor. I found out a few weeks ago. In two different mistakes there, I understand the city never was reimbursed for the money that was missing. It is not the tax collector himself. It is some of the personnel. Now that means the City Auditor is not on his job because he did not find out. I am going to come back to 1950 when the Secretary of the Clerk of Municipal Court was arrested. She was supposed to bring the money to the treasurer every week, but she did not do it, and they did not bother to find out why she did not bring the money. The City Auditor ought to know if he was on the job but he was not on the job. In 1951 many times I was looking for him and for a week at a time I did not find him. Now at the present time those appointed by the Finance Board go out and come back any time they please, they just do not care. In 1951, I forgot to bring the picture, they were so sorry that I was elected Mayor and they knew that they would have to quiet down. The next morning after I was elected Mayor, the Tax Collector and the City Auditor had their picture taken with black neckties. (Laughter) I tell you ladies and gentlemen of the House, I was worried to see that these two gentlemen were so disappointed. I was afraid that they might take the gas pipe. Now ladies and gentlemen, there is a referendum on my bill. If you want to please the people of Lewiston please support my bill. Let them decide, they know what they want, they are intelligent people. They know what they like, and

if they do not want this bill they will vote no, and if they want this bill they are going to vote yes. Give them a chance to vote on this bill. Now I belong in ten different clubs, and last night I went around the clubs, they are all big clubs, from 500 to 800 members. I told them I enjoyed being in this House. So far the support that you have given me on the Lewiston bills and they was very proud of me that I am a member of this House with such intelligent people. I do not want to throw you a bouquet, I just want to tell the truth. Now today they expect that you are going to support my bill, so let them decide themselves. They sent me up here for that purpose to try to make a change on that city charter. I hope you all support my bill for the sake of the city, to save the reputation of the City of Lewiston and save the honor of the City. Thank you.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Apparently it must be quite clear to the members of the House now that without question the Lewiston charter should have some changes. I think there were about ten or eleven bills presented to the Committee. This is probably the worst of all of them. I think the only person that was in favor of the bill was the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant. Probably he was in favor of the bill because if this bill went through it would mean that the Mayor would appoint the Controller in Lewiston, the Mayor would appoint the Board of Assessors, the Mayor would appoint the members to be under the Department of Public Works, the Mayor would appoint the commission on the Police Department, the Mayor would appoint the commission on the Fire Department, the Mayor would appoint to the administration office in the Department of Health and Welfare, the Mayor also would appoint the members of the Zoning Board. Without question if the Mayor had this privilege he would have a great many friends if this did go through. He seemed to place a lot of emphasis on the point

that on the ballot two years ago they placed the question "Are you in favor of the present city charter" and I think there were 7,000 that said no, and one or two thousand that said yes. Possibly they are not in favor of the present city charter, why, I do not know, there could be numerous reasons. I do not think that they are in disfavor or they would be in favor because the Mayor at this time would be able to make all these appointments for such a period of time. They did make some attempt in Lewiston to have the charter changed. The Mayor of Lewiston appointed two or three to take care of drafting some legislation for the purpose of changing the present charter in the City of Lewiston. Apparently they agreed to disagree because the Mayor fired them all, and he came out with his own charter change. I actually think it would be most embarrassing to this House if this particular piece of legislation was passed, because there was numerous opposition to the bill, and I feel quite sure that the Mayor was the only one that was in favor of this particular bill. There were so many of them that day and the hearing lasted so long that my memory is a little vague, and I certainly hope that the House does not go along at this time to substitute the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Couture.

Mr. COUTURE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My friend the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, has brought out so much of the truth of what did happen in the City of Lewiston, and I rise in favor of this bill. Also I want to point out even if the Mayor does make these appointments if this bill goes through, it goes back to the same thing that we had since 1939 under this present form of government that the Mayor does the appointing anyway. As it was pointed out to you, even if he made his appointments, it was pointed out to you that at different times different boards and members of the boards

make the appointments on these different boards and commissions it does not mean that he will control all the boards and commissions. He has brought out the truth. Publicity was in the papers, we had it once, and it is going to be a change for the better, I think that we might as well have it for the second time. These scandals and the rest of the things that happened in the different departments, it is the truth. Also I will point out about one of them, it has been quite a while ago and still it is in the line to be brushed off. I will now stand in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

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

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I take a stand along with the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, on this bill this morning, it is going back to the people on referendum. If the people of the City of Lewiston want a change they will vote for it, if they do not want a change they will vote this bill out. I do not think that I will be a very good Legislator if I did not give the people of Lewiston the chance to vote on some charter changes. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would like to go on record as favoring this bill to bring it back to the people so they may vote on it, and also I know that the people of this House do not want to hear about Lewiston too much and I move the previous question.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, moves the previous question. In order for the Chair to entertain the motion for the previous question, it requires the consent of one-third of the members present.

All those in favor of the Chair entertaining the motion for the previous question will kindly rise and stand in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

An insufficient number arose.

The SPEAKER: Obviously less than one-third of the members present having arisen, the motion for the previous question is not entertained.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: If I understand this bill correctly, it would be a great increase in the centralization of power in the hands of one person. In principle I am opposed to this. I am not acquainted with the conditions in Lewiston, but I have talked with some of the people who live in Lewiston and I find that they are opposed to this bill, and I have also read the Lewiston papers and find that the people supporting those papers are opposed to this bill, and I feel that the Committee Report is the thing that we should accept.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to support the sentiments expressed by the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, and also our Majority Floor Leader, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs. I realize that we are being appealed to here to approve legislation simply on the basis that it is up to the people to decide and not for us. I certainly have no particular knowledge of Lewiston or any other city other than the city I live in. However, I think this House has a certain responsibility to approve or disapprove of legislation on the basis of being both dignified, intelligent and reasonable, and my own personal opinion is that since the bill practically eliminates the approval of a City Council or a Board of Aldermen, does not require their approval of the Mayor's actions, I certainly think that is extremely poor legislation, and I will vote against the bill most certainly.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The Mayor is elected by the people. He takes all the blame on account of the mistakes of the commission and heads and personnel of the different departments. The Board of Finance, they are appointed by the Mayor for a term of five years. Why not

give the power to the Mayor to make appointments, he is the one that is getting the blame for it, and he is the one that is supposed to watch them. He spends more time in the city building than all the commissions combined together. We ought to give him the power with the Aldermen to make I believe it is five appointments. He is the one that is responsible for the city. Now I am going to beg this House once more, if you do not support my bill you just vote to encourage our city charter to keep on and give us a bad city government. If you support my bill it will be up to the public to decide and I know if my bill goes through the people are going to vote ten to one in favor of my bill. They are sick and tired, a good many of them do not want to come and vote any more, they say what is the use of voting with such a form of government. Please do not disappoint me. I know my bill is going to die with the same disease as the rest of the bills, but I want to be proud enough to say that you are intelligent enough to understand my point. Now you know what this is, I wish I could tell you, but I am afraid to be put out of order, but the medical term of that disease is sorehead disease. (laughter) All my bills catch the same disease. This one is going to die with the same disease, but please support my bill in this House. Thank you.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I was a member of that Legal Affairs Committee with the Majority Leader, and we spent a whole afternoon in this House. We had so much interest from Lewiston that we had to adjourn from our quarters down the hall to this House to give the people from Lewiston an opportunity to come here and be heard, and most of the people that occupied the seats in this House were opposed to this bill.

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

Mr. McCLUSKEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think

we have been very reasonable about the affairs of the City of Lewiston. There are other towns and cities in this State, and I think it is time we got on to some business that deals with them, and I certainly hope that the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Rockland, Miss Lawry.

Miss LAWRY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to say that I was in error when I voted and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, does not prevail, and I would ask at this point if I could make a motion to indefinitely postpone this bill?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that such a motion is in order.

Miss LAWRY: I so move, Mr. Speaker, and when the vote is taken, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Rockland, Miss Lawry, moves that Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Lewiston re Appointments by Mayor and Membership and Terms of Boards and Commissions", House Paper 438, Legislative Document 484, be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. COUTURE: Mr. Speaker, I request a division on this motion.

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of the indefinite postponement of this Bill will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Seventy-eight having voted in the affirmative and twelve having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, the House voted to take from the table the fifteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Election and Salary of Corporation Counsel of the City of

Lewiston", House Paper 277, Legislative Document 261, tabled on April 8 by that gentleman pending acceptance.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker, if I am in order, through the Chair I would like to ask a question of the House?

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman kindly state to what matter it pertains.

Mr. MALENFANT: To my bill, Mr. Speaker, to the City of Lewiston.

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

Mr. MALENFANT: I do, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Knowing this House voted to kill my bill, with a big Majority, through the Chair, I would like to ask them if they are going to reimburse the city for the money they are going to steal in the future, I mean the head of the department and the personnel are going to steal in the future.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if there is any other matter that might be taken from the table at this time?

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am going to make a motion. If I am not in order I will be told. Earlier in today's session, I tabled a matter and if I am in order I would like to now take it from the table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would request the gentleman to

kindly state what matter it was that was tabled.

Mr. ANDERSON: Item 8, page 4, Mr. Speaker, Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officials of Penobscot County", Legislative Document 1507.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman's motion is in order.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this matter be taken from the table.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson moves that the House take from the table Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officials of Penobscot County", House Paper 948, Legislative Document 1051, reported in new draft House Paper 1226, Legislative Document 1507. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire if there is any more constructive work that can be done on this calendar?

The Chair is informed that there are no notices.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I move that we now adjourn until nine o'clock Eastern Standard Time tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: Before putting the motion, the Chair would state that tomorrow the desires of the members regarding continuing in the afternoon will be informally polled during the morning session.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.
A notice was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning, Eastern Standard Time.