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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. D. H. Robbins of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask unanimous consent that today unless previous notice is given to the Clerk of the House by some member of his or her intention to move reconsideration, that the Clerk be authorized to send to the Senate thirty minutes after action has been taken by the House all matters passed to be engrossed in concurrence and all matters that require Senate concurrence. After such matters have been sent to the Senate in accordance with this unanimous consent agreement no motion to reconsider shall be in order.

The SPEAKER: The House has heard the request for unanimous consent made by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs. The effect of the request is that matters may be promptly expedited after action by the House. It does preclude the right to reconsider an action once taken. Does the Chair hear objection to the gentleman's request?

The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

**Papers from the Senate
Conference Committee Report**

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Operator's Licenses From Date of Birth with Notification" (H. P. 30) (L. D. 40) reporting that they are unable to agree.

(Signed)

COLE of Waldo

HALL of York

WYMAN of Washington

— Committee on part of Senate.

ANDERSON of Greenville
FINEMORE of Bridgewater
CHILDS of Portland

— Committee on part of House.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolve in favor of Elizabeth J. Stevens, of Augusta (S. P. 257) (L. D. 686) reporting that the House recede and concur with the Senate in substituting the Resolve for the Report and passing the Resolve to be engrossed.

(Signed)

REID of Kennebec

DUNHAM of Hancock

BUTLER of Franklin

— Committee on part of Senate.

SHAW of Bingham

LORD of Augusta

ALBERT of Augusta

— Committee on Part of House.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House: The Report was read and accepted in concurrence. The House then voted to recede from its action whereby the Report was accepted. The Resolve was then substituted for the Report in concurrence, given its two several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Checking Speed of Motor Vehicles by Electrical Devices" (H. P. 109) (L. D. 117) reporting that the Senate recede from its former action and pass the Bill to be engrossed, amended by Committee Amendment "A" and by Senate Amendment "A" as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" thereto — and that the House recede and concur with the Senate on the above action.

(Signed)

PARKER of Piscataquis

REID of Kennebec

— Committee on part of Senate.

FULLER of So. Portland
HILTON of Bremen
QUINN of Bangor

— Committee on part of House.

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

In the House: The Report was read.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I move the House adhere on this item.

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

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think that maybe we should explain to you our stand in this matter and I think that I can speak for the other members of the committee as well.

As you know, there are several of us that disagreed in the beginning with the Senate in regard to this bill checking speed of motor vehicles by radar. And we felt that this Legislature should always be in a spirit of compromise. After hearing the other side of the story and feeling that possibly this would save even one life, in that same spirit of compromise we went along to try out one of these devices.

They are very anxious to try one especially in the airport areas such as Limestone and possibly around the Brunswick area and some of those places where they do have a lot of younger people that are speeding. And they feel that the psychological effect will be good. And we, as I say in this spirit of compromise, went along with them to try out one of these machines, and one only, to see if it does have the proper results.

And I hope that the gentleman's motion does not prevail and that we accept the Conference Committee's report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that there is no motion pending at this time. The two motions that may be made are either to accept or reject the Conference Committee Report.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, on the strength of what my colleague from South Portland has explained, I withdraw and accept the committee's report.

Thereupon, on a viva voce vote, the Report was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Haughn of Bridgton, the House receded from its action whereby the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that examination of the record indicates that the Bill has had no readings up to this time.

The Bill was then read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 109, L. D. 117, Bill "An Act relating to Checking Speed of Motor Vehicles by Electrical Devices."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 4th and 5th lines thereof the underlined words "or other electrical devices"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 6th line thereof the underlined words "or other electrical devices"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 7th line thereof the underlined word "checks" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word "check"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph of that part designated as "Section 113-A"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the last line of next to the last paragraph thereof the underlined words "or other electrical devices"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 109, L. D. 117, Bill "An Act relating to Checking Speed of Motor Vehicles by Electrical Devices."

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

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

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general highway fund the sum of \$2,400 for the purchase of 2 radar units by the Department of the State Police to carry out the purposes of this act.

Conference Committee Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" was then read by the Clerk as follows:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 109, L. D. 117, Bill "An Act relating to Checking Speed of Motor Vehicles by Electrical Devices."

Amend said amendment by striking out "Sec. 2" thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general highway fund the sum of \$1,200 for the purchase of 1 radar unit by the Department of the State Police to carry out the purposes of this act.'

Conference Committee Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence. Senate Amendment "A" as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" thereto was adopted in concurrence.

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.

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

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain that I thought we should have had a roll call vote on that so I would know how I voted. (Laughter)

The Bill was then given its third reading under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and as amended by Senate Amendment "A" as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" thereto in concurrence.

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by

Municipal Candidates" (H. P. 191) (L. D. 196) the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. QUINN of Bangor
TOTMAN of Bangor
STANLEY of Bangor

From the Senate: The following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that it is the intent of the 97th Legislature that the General Fund operating statement for the next biennium shall show an excess of income over expenditures. Consistent with that intent the 97th Legislature proposes to enact only such measures as will, in the opinion of the Legislature, result in a balanced general fund operation in State Government. The Legislature recognizes the concurrent authority of the Governor, via his constitutional veto power right, to agree or disagree with the Legislative conclusions expressed herein (S. P. 597)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Bill "An Act relating to Descent of Real Estate in Divorce Cases," (S. P. 38) (L. D. 27) be recalled from the office of the Governor to the Senate (S. P. 598)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the findings of the Judicial Council on the study of process by indictment, pardon procedure in New England and the Maine court system in relation to juveniles, previously reported to Governor Burton M. Cross, be reproduced by the Legislative Research Committee and that 500 or more copies of said findings be filed in the Maine State Library for distribution to interested parties (S. P. 599)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Orders were read and passed in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957" (S. P. 121) (L. D. 317) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 594) (L. D. 1556) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House: The Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill given its three several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Official Court Reporters" (S. P. 109) (L. D. 270) 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" and Senate 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. 109, L. D. 270, Bill "An Act relating to Official Court Reporters."

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 of the State the sum of \$7,563 for the fiscal year 1955-56 and \$8,250 for the fiscal year 1956-57, to carry out the purposes of this act.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 109, L. D. 270, Bill "An Act Relating to Official Court Reporters."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure "\$6,500" in the next to the last line and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$5,750'

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

The Bill was given its third reading under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed as

amended by Committee Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Ought to Pass Indefinitely Postponed in Senate

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Extension of Tax Lien Foreclosure" (S. P. 431) (L. D. 1190)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill indefinitely postponed.

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

The Bill was then given its two several readings.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, do I read the journal correctly, the action of the Senate indefinitely postponing it?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that the gentleman reads the Journal correctly.

Does the gentleman wish to make a motion for concurrence or not?

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Exempting Persons Seventy Years of Age from Poll Tax (H. P. 685) (L. D. 753) which was passed to be enacted in the House on March 30, and passed to be engrossed on March 22.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Creating a State School Building Fund and Providing Moneys Therefor" (H. P. 1015) (L. D. 1167) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in the House on May 19.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby the Majority "Ought

not to pass" Report of the Committee was accepted.

In the House:

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

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: While I realize the usual fate of bills that come to us in this manner, I think that the fact that this is a revenue producing measure and that there might be considerable revenue left after the school building needs are fulfilled, I think that we should at least keep this bill alive until the revenue available for other worthy L. D.'s is determined.

I therefore move that we insist on our former action and ask for a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, moves that the House insist and request a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Non-Concurrent Matter

New Draft "A" (H. P. 1230) (L. D. 1513) Bill "An Act Classifying Additional Surface Waters in Maine" which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B" in the House on May 19.

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

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Briggs.

Mr. BRIGGS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: While I perhaps do not altogether agree with the action taken in regard to this matter, I would like to say that I feel that the apparent fears of some of the members of the Legislature that the Water Commission's actions will be unfair, perhaps deserve some consideration.

I do not feel that they would act any differently than to, at different times as these classification problems come up, give concessions where hardships or impractical restrictions appeared to be the case. I feel, to my own satisfaction, that the Water Commission being broad-

ly represented as it is and being appointed by the Governor and approved by his honorable council would be very practical in all these matters.

However, there still seems to be some grave concern with regard to this matter, and I feel that I am willing to give a little, which is just about what this amendment from the other branch seems to want to accomplish, therefore I move that we now recede and concur with the unspeakable branch, the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Briggs, moves that the House recede and concur with the Senate. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Creating a State School Building Fund and Providing Moneys Therefor" (H. P. 1015) (L. D. 1167) the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. ELWELL of Brooks
EDWARDS of Raymond
WALSH of Brunswick

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order relative to Study by the Legislative Research Committee of Litter and Refuse Problem, with Particular Reference to Non-returnable Glass Malt Beverage and Soft Drink Containers (H. P. 1262) which was passed in the House on May 19.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask unanimous consent to address the House briefly under suspension of the rules.

The SPEAKER: The Chair does not believe that unanimous consent and suspension of the rules is necessary. Debate is in order. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to report briefly on the unhappy history of the conference committee on this measure. As you

know, it consisted of three members of each branch and we unanimously agreed to refer this matter to the Research Committee, as it is given here in today's journal. I regret to say that when the thing was put up to a vote, that evidently the agreement was forgotten.

And there seems to be little recourse except in one way. I feel like I have been kicked out the front door but I think I know what the people want and perhaps I had better go around to the back door and try again. I am persistent, I will admit it.

And about the only recourse left under the circumstances is a referendum through petition. I do not believe it will be too hard to get the signatures. Any member of this body who would be willing to help circulate petitions to get signatures for that purpose, I will be glad to hear from before the session is over or later if they would be so willing to do.

I have worked quite hard, as you know, for several years and I am sincere in my purpose, I am not trying to hurt any industry particularly, I am merely trying to help clean up the dangerous litter caused by certain industries.

Under the circumstances, I move that we adhere.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, moves that the House adhere. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Final Reports

Final Reports of the following Joint Standing Committees:

- Agriculture
- Business Legislation
- Claims
- Correctional Institutions
- Education
- Inland Fisheries and Game
- Judiciary
- Labor
- Legal Affairs
- Liquor Control
- Natural Resources
- Public Health
- Public Utilities
- Retirements and Pensions
- Sea and Shore Fisheries
- Taxation
- Towns and Counties

Transportation

Veterans and Military Affairs
Welfare

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Orders

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

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, I present an order and move its passage. I would like to speak briefly.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, presents an Order and moves its passage. The Clerk will read the Order.

The CLERK:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be requested to study the present statutes relating to Liquor Laws and to report to the next Legislative Session such changes as may appear to be necessary or desirable to consolidate such laws and to eliminate archaic and contradictory provisions now found in such laws. (H. P. 1264)

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

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, in 1933, Maine repealed the amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor. At that time, certain laws were passed. Since that time, every Legislature has consistently amended the laws and, believe me, they are contradictory as every member of the committee knows.

There are also 73 rules and regulations pertaining to the sale of liquor. I was contacted this morning by a member of the bar, a member of the House, who asked me a relatively simple question. In the statutes you cannot find the rule and regulations. One member, my very good friend the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, did change one rule and regulation to become a law. That took us months to do it. Another member, the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, introduced a bill, a relatively minor bill, but it has taken us four months to pass it because of the contradictory measures in

our laws. Another member, the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Edgar, introduced a bill which we had to refuse passage because it would necessitate the changing of at least four of our present laws.

I assure you that this is not a wet or dry measure. I am introducing this at the request of the Liquor Commission. They are having an extremely hard time administering the laws.

I sincerely hope my order has a passage. I have discussed it informally with the majority of the members of your Liquor Control Committee, they are highly in accord.

While I am on my feet, I wish to go along and publicly state that I will support the initiated referendum of my good friend, the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne. Thank you.

Thereupon, the Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker, I present an order and move its passage.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, presents an Order and moves its passage. The Clerk will read the Order.

The CLERK:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be requested to make a study of the present laws relating to the financing, construction and maintenance of State Aid Highways with the end in view of eliminating the present divided responsibility as between the towns and the State, and to determine the feasibility of the State assuming complete responsibility for the maintenance and construction of State Aid Highways; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Committee report the results of its study to the next legislature with any recommendations that it may deem advisable. (H. P. 1265)

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Third Reader Tabled

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for Legislative Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955" (S. P. 592)

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

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I notice that this bill has not been printed and I understand that ordinarily a bill would be printed and I would so request and ask that the bill either be printed as we have a Legislative Document, or, if time is too short, in mimeographed form.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, moves that the Bill lie on the table pending third reading and be ordered printed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Providing for a Deputy Commissioner of Institutional Service" (H. P. 1259) (L. D. 1554)

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

Resolve Providing for Non-Lapsing of Expenditures for Airports (S. P. 108) (L. D. 269)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the second time.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter now lie upon the table for the purpose of preparing an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that the Bill lie on the table pending passage to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled.

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman from Mechanic Falls, Mr. Foster, rise?

Mr. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, out of order and under suspension of the rules and with unanimous consent of the House I would like to introduce an emergency resolve and move its passage.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Mechanic Falls, Mr. Foster, requests unanimous consent to introduce a resolve. The Clerk will read the title of the emergency resolve.

The CLERK: Resolve Granting a Complimentary Fishing License to the President of the United States.

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

The Chair hears none and the Resolve is received.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve (H. P. 1266) was read once under suspension of the rules without reference to a Committee.

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, arise?

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: How about Mamie? (Laughter)

Thereupon, the Resolve was assigned for second reading at 10:30 A.M., E.S.T.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire for what purpose the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, rises?

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker, I want a little information on something. I want to find out if L. D. 1020, House Paper 912, is in possession of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would request the gentleman to repeat the Legislative Document number again and the title of the Bill.

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker, I have not got the title but it is L. D. 1020, House Paper 912, and the title is something like on the joint account, joint ownership.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire if that is the Bill providing for taxation of jointly held property?

Mr. SANFORD: That is right, Mr. Speaker, I have just discovered that there has been a grave misunderstanding on that.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire whether the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, would be willing to defer his inquiry until the House is recessed this morning?

Mr. SANFORD: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Finally Passed Emergency Measure

Resolve Authorizing the Setting Out of Buoys in Sebago Lake (S. P. 589) (L. D. 1553)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 111 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve Providing Pensions for Soldiers and Sailors and Dependents and Other Needy Persons (H. P. 1240) (L. D. 1529)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 110 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Revising the Laws on Civil Defense and Public Safety (S. P. 159) (L. D. 353)

An Act relating to the Salaries of Register of Deeds and Register of Probate, Cumberland County, and Clerk Hire in Offices of Register of Deeds and Register of Probate (S. P. 278) (L. D. 708)

An Act relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Firemen of City of Lewiston (S. P. 413) (L. D. 1176)

An Act relating to Aiding in Delinquency of Child Under 17 (S. P. 583) (L. D. 1552)

An Act relating to the Salary of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Legislature (H. P. 86) (L. D. 97)

An Act Regulating the Solicitation and Collection of Funds for Charitable Purposes (H. P. 111) (L. D. 119)

An Act Revising the Law Relating to Licensing of Electricians (H. P. 487) (L. D. 532)

An Act Exempting Funeral Services from Sales Tax (H. P. 506) (L. D. 543)

An Act Permitting Towns to Appropriate Money in Anticipation of State Aid Highway Appropriations (H. P. 1181) (L. D. 1431)

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

An Act relating to Referendum for Sewer System for Town of Winthrop (H. P. 1260)

An Act relating to Increase in Temporary Loans for County of Cumberland (H. P. 1261) (L. D. 1555)

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Wyman and Simpson, Inc., of Augusta (S. P. 203) (L. D. 497)

Resolve Providing that the Legislative Research Committee Study School Finances and Needs in the State (S. P. 317) (L. D. 886)

Resolve Creating the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Scholarship Fund (H. P. 332) (L. D. 373)

Resolve Designating Part of Route No. 9 as State Highway (H. P. 883) (L. D. 991)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that there are in the rear and in the balcony of the House thirty-nine students from Erskine Academy in South China, United States History Class, accompanied by their instructor, Mr. Richard D. Braley.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a cordial welcome and hopes that your visit will be pleasant and instructive. (Applause)

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of County Fees in Kennebec County", Senate Paper 534, Legislative Document 1448, tabled on May 19 by the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, pending further consideration. (In House Engrossed) (In Senate Indefinitely Postponed.)

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker, I move indefinite postponement in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, moves that the House recede and concur in the indefinite postponement of the Bill. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. McGlaufflin of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Unlike the statements of some of the members, I did intend to speak again. I am not going to talk on bills and resolves, but I want to talk about this Legislature and some of the members in it. I want to take up first, my Democratic friends.

I used to feel that the Democrats were something of a necessary evil, that they were considerable of a nuisance to the progress of the Republican Party. But I have been up here for some time, and in the course of time, I first learned that there were some pretty good Democrats after all. And after serving in this Legislature this term, I feel that practically all of them are pretty good people after all.

I want to mention a few. It was my privilege to serve in this House for some four and a half years with His Excellency, the Governor of this State, Edmund Muskie.

I think it was during his stay here that I began to have a much

higher regard for Democrats than I had ever had before. He was my principal opponent in debate. He was keen on analysis. He was an able debater. And we came to be great friends in spite of the fact that we often opposed each other. And when he was elected, of course, I did not vote for him, but I wrote to him congratulating him and telling him that he had done the impossible and that the only satisfaction that I had from finding my candidate defeated was the fact that I felt that I still had a friend in the Governor's office and I still feel so.

I want to praise that outstanding gentlewoman from Rumford, the honorable lady, Miss Cormier. I think this is the fourth term that I have served with her. She has not only shown great ability but a sense of fairness that could scarcely be excelled. I want to say publicly that I admire her character and her ability.

There is one other worthy member of the Democratic Party, the honorable gentlewoman from Madawaska, Mrs. Michaud. Republican? I apologize. But what I was going to say about her fits in very nicely, was that she sits beside a Republican and we all know that all the Republican women are perfect.

There are some few of the Democrats who are outstanding in a class all by themselves. I have mentioned three. The honorable gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, whom we all love to hear talk and then vote against him, but he is one of the smoothest politicians they have in Lewiston and I can tell you they have some pretty good ones down there.

Then another outstanding man is the honorable gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Dumais. He is in a class all by himself. He is not afraid to stand alone to vote.

Another gentleman, the honorable gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, I thought for awhile that there was a very able man somehow gone wrong, but to my surprise in a little while I found I was voting for some of his measures, so I had to conclude that while he is in a class by himself, it is a pretty good class after all.

I have made some friends among these Democrats that I shall appre-

ciate for a long time. One of them is that gentleman from Brunswick, the football player, the honorable gentleman Mr. Walsh. Two years ago, we had on the Judiciary Committee five football players. We need football players on the Judiciary Committee. It is a tough job and you need tough men and if this gentleman from Brunswick had only studied law, we would surely have him on our committee.

Time does not permit me to mention all that I would like to. But I now wish to consider the Legislature as a whole. I find, you might be surprised to know, quite a variety of occupations is represented in this Legislature. There are lawyers, farmers, druggists, teachers, mechanics, real estate men, insurance agents, housewives, lumbermen, plumbers, coal dealers, barbers, engineers, merchants, runners of bookstores, managers, papermakers, turkey farmers, brokers, treasurers, contractors, hardware dealers, private investigators, laborers, potato growers, grain dealers, and market gardeners and perhaps many others. Ministers. I also would like to mention the variety of educations of the members of this House. Some have come here getting their education chiefly from hard knocks, from experience, from travel and from association with others. Some have had grammar school educations only, some high school education, some college education and quite a number not only college, but university education. So that you see in the training that they have to come here, there has been variance running all up and down the scale.

Many of the members of this Legislature have held some positions of office. Some have been judges. Some have been selectmen of their towns or treasurers of their towns, or held some office of importance locally. Some have been master masons of their lodge or head of the State Grange. But a great many of them have been honored. I might say right here that I have served in this Legislature with three men who have become Governor of this state. I have served with at least two on the Judiciary Committee who are now in the Superior Court.

And as I look over this body, I see a great many young men that I predict have an enviable future because they have shown talent and outstanding ability during this term.

Another thing that I want to call attention to is the variety of religion. Some are Catholics. Some are Protestants. And the Protestants are divided, there are Methodists, there are Baptists, there are Congregationalists, there is a large variety in that respect.

Your different parties and different sexes. Now this great body is gathered together and appointed on 23 different committees. On the same committee may be a Democrat or a Republican, man or woman, a Catholic or a Protestant. But they are all mixed together, they hear the evidence that is presented before them in the committee. They then come into this House and debate the matters thoroughly and finally we come to some decision. And when that decision is arrived at, no matter how hard we fought on the floor of the House, we then settle down and take the decision of the majority and abide by it without rancor or without hatred.

And I cannot but think what a wonderful country we live in that we can do these things. That we can speak as we feel. That we can vote as we please with no one dictating how we shall vote or what we shall say. That we have the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of our own conscience and no one can say us "Nay". I thank God that I live in the United States of America.

Coming back to this Legislature for a moment more, I have served here for some time, I cannot recall that I ever heard before so much able debate as I have heard during this term of Legislature. Looking over the membership, I could count up more than 60 men and women that have displayed talent on the floor of this House. I cannot remember ever before of having so many able speeches from so many able people as I have heard this term.

And so, as we are coming to the close of this session, I want to say

that in the nine terms that I have been here, I do not know of a single enemy that I have made and I do not know of one single person that I dislike. I want to thank this Legislature for the courtesy and the respect that it has shown me during this term. I have enjoyed working with you. There is a little trace of sadness in my mind at the thought that perhaps we will never all come together here again, but as Dean of this House I want to give you this parting salute: "May God be with you till we meet again, whether it be in this world or the world to come". Thank you. (Prolonged applause, the Members rising.)

(Off Record Remarks by various Members)

Mr. Osborne of Fairfield was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

MR. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, as is the custom of the gentleman from Portland, our good friend, Mr. McGlaulin, he has paid tribute in his own compassionate manner to his fellow House members. I am sure that his fellow House members all love him and respect him for his dignity and his ability and for his many other good qualities.

However, unless I misunderstood one statement, I would like to correct one discrepancy in his comments. I refer to his comment regarding the gentlewoman from Madawaska. Now I know that many members of this august body have tried to influence the gentlewoman from Madawaska, Mrs. Michaud, since she has been down here with us but she is steadfast in her thinking and actions like all good Republicans. And I hope that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaulin, cannot mislead the gentlewoman from Madawaska, Mrs. Michaud, into becoming a Democrat, because it would be really a severe loss to the Republican Party.

(Off Record Remarks by various Members.)

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland,

Recessed until twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, today.

After Recess
12:00 Noon, E.S.T.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Communication from the Executive

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

May 20, 1955

The Honorable President
 The Honorable Speaker of the House
 Ninety-seventh Legislature

Gentlemen:

I know that all of you are impatient at this stage of the legislative session and desirous of completing your work as soon as possible. This is to advise that I will cooperate fully to the end that there will be no unreasonable delay.

In this connection, I will review each piece of legislation as soon as it reaches my desk, and I will make my decisions as quickly as I can within the limits of my physical capacity. There will be no effort on my part to effect any "pocket vetoes", so-called, or to keep you here a day longer than is necessary to insure that our work is done efficiently.

In addressing this communication to you, it is my purpose to contribute to calm and orderly deliberations in these closing days of the session.

Respectfully submitted,
 (Signed) Edmund S. Muskie
 Governor

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire if there is objection to taking up out of order and under suspension of the rules this afternoon without further moving the matter of being out of order papers from the Senate, items from the Advance Journal Supplements?

The Chair hears none and the House will continue on Supplement Number 1 of the House Advance Journal.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Eligibility for Old Age Assistance (S. P. 141) (L. D. 333) which was passed to be enacted in the House on April 8, and passed to be engrossed on April 6.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Miss Lawry of Rockland, the House voted to insist and ask for a committee of Conference.

The Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Miss LAWRY of Rockland
 Mrs. FILES of Portland
 Mr. BABINEAU of Brunswick

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Policemen of City of Lewiston" (S. P. 163) (L. D. 357) reporting that the Senate recede from its action whereby it passed the Bill to be engrossed on April 5th, adopt Committee Amendment "A" submitted with this Report, and pass the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

That the House recede from its action whereby it referred the Bill to the next Legislature on April 27th and concur with the Senate in passing the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".
 (Signed)

WOODCOCK of Penobscot
 LESSARD of Androscoggin
 MARTIN of Kennebec
 —Committee on part of Senate.
 COUTURE of Lewiston
 COTE of Lewiston
 DUMAIS of Lewiston
 —Committee on part of House.

Came from the Senate with the Report rejected and asking for a new Committee of Conference, with the following Conferees appointed on its part:

Messrs. WOODCOCK of Penobscot
 LESSARD of Androscoggin
 MARTIN of Kennebec

In the House: On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, the House voted to reject the Report in concurrence,

and join the new Committee of Conference.

The Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. COTE of Lewiston
DUMAIS of Lewiston
COUTURE of Lewiston

Senate Report of Committee Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Construct Part of East B. Hill Road, Oxford County (S. P. 443) (L. D. 1235)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve in favor of the Town of Plymouth (H. P. 653) (L. D. 730) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 14.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve in favor of Town of Brooksville, Hancock County (H. P. 890) (L. D. 998) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 12.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve in favor of George A. Bragdon of Lincoln (H. P. 157) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 26.

Came from the Senate with the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, the House voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

The Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. DUDLEY of Enfield
ALBERT of Augusta
OLPE of Brownfield

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the next item on the House Advance Journal has been returned to the Senate.

The following House Report was taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

House Report of Committee Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Providing for Supplemental Appropriation for Office of Treasurer of State (H. P. 816) (L. D. 908) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1263) (L. D. 1561) under title of "An Act relating to Bonds for the Treasurer of State, His Deputy and Employees" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted and the Bill was given its two several readings.

On motion of Mr. Stanley of Bangor, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Retirement of Officers of the Legislature" (S. P. 462) (L. D. 1306)

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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of the Greater Portland Public Development Commission (S. P. 174) (L. D. 426) reporting a Bill (S. P. 595) (L. D. 1559) under title of "An Act relating to Powers of the Greater Portland Public Development Commission" 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 given its three several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Officers of the Legislature" (S. P. 461) (L. D. 1305) 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. 461, L. D. 1305, Bill "An Act relating to Officers of the Legislature."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 4th line of that part designated as Sec. 2 the underlined figure "\$5,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$4,500"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined words and figures after the word "session" in the 5th line of that part designated as Sec. 2.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line of that part designated as Sec. 3 the underlined figure "\$2,800" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$2,600"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line from the end thereof the underlined figure "\$6,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$5,000"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 4th line from the end thereof the underlined figure "\$4,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$500"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the last line thereof the underlined figure "\$2,800" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$2,600"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined sentence beginning with the words "When the" and ending with the words "of the Legislature" in the 4th to 9th lines of that part designated as Sec. 7 and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence: 'In the months of November and December next preceding the convening of the regular sessions of the Legislature, he shall keep open his office each Wednesday and Thursday for the convenience of the public and members-elect of the Legislature.'

The SPEAKER: Shall Committee Amendment "A" be adopted?

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

Mr. BIBBER: Mr. Speaker, I submit House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and I would like to speak briefly on the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Bibber, offers House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 461, L. D. 1305, Bill "An Act relating to Officers of the Legislature."

Amend said Amendment by striking out of the last line of the 5th paragraph the underlined figure "\$500" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$3000"

Further amend said Amendment by striking out all of the 6th paragraph.

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

Mr. BIBBER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The purpose of the amendment, you will see, is changing the retainer fee for the Clerk in the off year of the Legislature from \$500 to \$3,000. The State of Maine has been very fortunate for the past several sessions of the Legislature in having a parliamentarian, an outstanding gentleman who has taken the State of

Maine to heart and carried the Legislature on with the various Speakers.

Now, we realize that as the years go on we will not have our present Clerk with us and if we step out to hire somebody, we must have an inducive salary to retain him over the years. That is the reason for the first part of the amendment.

The second part is to strike out the figure \$2800 and moving it down to \$2600 for our Assistant Clerk, who is invaluable with her experience to the Clerk. There are girls now working in the office who receive as much as the Assistant Clerk and I feel that it is only fair that she should be compensated for the services that she renders to the State of Maine and I hope that the amendment is adopted.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House at this time since this is a non-concurrent matter to request a Committee of Conference on this non-concurrence?

Thereupon, the House voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

The Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. BIBBER of Kennebunkport
QUINN of Bangor
SHAW of Bingham

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that amendments are being drafted for the next item and possibly the second item.

From the Senate: The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 19, 1955

Honorable Harvey R. Pease
Clerk of the House of
Representatives
Ninety-seventh Legislature
Sir:

In the disagreeing action between the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Frontage Roads on Controlled Access Highways." (H. P. 649) (L. D. 726) the Senate voted to insist upon its former action, and join a Committee of Conference. The President appointed the following members as conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

PARKER of Piscataquis
COLE of Waldo
SINCLAIR of Somerset

In the disagreeing action between the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Determination of Damages Caused by Taking of Land for Highway Purposes." (H. P. 1250) (L. D. 1543) the Senate voted to insist upon its former action, and join a Committee of Conference. The President appointed the following members as conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

PARKER of Piscataquis
COLE of Waldo
SINCLAIR of Somerset

Respectfully,

(Signed) Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate.

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Martin of West Gardiner presented the following Order and moved its passage:

House Order
Out of Order

ORDERED, that the Committee on Reapportionment of the Ninety-seventh Legislature be commended for its long hours of labor, its skill in handling a tough assignment and its accomplishment in helping to bring about a reapportionment of the membership of this House, which was overdue for a period of fourteen years.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that an attested copy of this Order be presented to each member of the Committee.

The Order was received out of order and under suspension of the rules, read and passed.

From the Senate: The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 20, 1955

Honorable Harvey R. Pease
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Ninety-seventh Legislature

Sir:

The Senate on May 17 voted to insist on its former action on Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates." (H. P. 191) (L. D. 196) and to join a Committee of Conference. The President appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

CHAPMAN of Cumberland

LOW of Knox

LESSARD of Androscoggin

Respectfully,

(Signed) Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered place on file.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House voted to take from the table Resolve Providing for Non-Lapsing of Expenditures for Airports (S. P. 108) (L. D. 269) which was tabled earlier in the day.

Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 108, L. D. 269, Resolve, Providing for Non-Lapsing of Expenditures for Airports.

Amend said Amendment by striking out the words "as set forth in an act" from the 5th and 6th lines from the end of the Amendment

and inserting in place thereof the words 'by chapter 372 Public Law 1955'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out the words in the 3rd line from the end thereof "more particularly designated as Legislative Document number 371" and inserting in place thereof 'approved May 19, 1955'

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

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

The Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto in non - concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

MR. COOK: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have been given the very great honor of saying a few words and extending a very cordial invitation to all the members of this body. I was requested to extend this invitation by my colleague and very good friend and neighbor, the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin. Part of his district is the district of Allagash, Plantation of Allagash, perhaps all of you may know of Allagash if for nothing else for the fact that it seems that every now and then there is a bridge necessary in the Allagash.

Some of you may have remembered that ten years ago, they had a dedication of a bridge up there over the Allagash River in Allagash and at that time the Town of Allagash had quite a dedication ceremony. And at that time invited the various members of the Legislature to attend and I think any of you that were there would speak of the great success that that dedication was. There were approximately 1,400 people that attended that dedication.

This year, they plan to have an even bigger and better dedication of the bridge that is being completed over the St. John River there in Allagash. I might mention a few of

the things that will perhaps be of interest. This invitation, by the way, is being very cordially extended by the selectmen of the Town of Allagash.

There will be a big steak and chicken barbecue and wardens will fry all this out in the open, there will be biscuits fried in the open, and there will be, this time, bean hole beans, pies, and pastry. All of this will be prepared in the out of doors.

This is quite a bridge that is being completed up there, approximately 900 feet long. The Allagash is the center of what is the largest tract of virgin timber left in the United States. Out in the west, there are some larger trees, but no larger tract of virgin timber.

For some of you who may have your own private planes or what have you, I would like to tell you that there is a landing strip right handy at one end of the bridge there that is adequate to land or take off the average twin-engine plane of civilian size. I do not mean these big transports. There are also facilities to land there on the river if the plane is equipped with pontoons.

We really feel that this is going to be a big gala event. An invitation has been extended to the Governor and it is hoped that his affairs will be such that he will be able to be there.

I want to also say to you that this invitation is not extended just to you as individuals, but to you and your families and any friends that you may care to bring with you. Load up your car and bring the whole bunch that you can bring. And you will be extremely welcome and by the way, the Maine Development Commission will have their cameras and movie cameras there and we feel that everybody will have a good time. They are going to try to put on a real event for you. And this will go on rain or shine. At one end of the bridge there is a large building so that if the weather should be inclement we will be able to sit and enjoy our food under the shelter of a roof at least. But we are hoping and praying to have good weather and we hope that we can see every one of you there. We are looking forward to it. And that is June 15th of this next month. Thank you. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, arise?

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker, for not the reason you think I am rising, or anyone else, I guess, but I would like to know if L. D. 1020 is in possession of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that that will be ascertained after a short recess.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Paris, Mrs. Mann, arise?

Mrs. MANN: Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask a question through the Chair if I may.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman may state her question.

Mrs. MANN: Mr. Speaker, I have understood that during the address of the very distinguished gentleman from Portland (Mr. McGlaufflin) that that was not on the record. I would like to inquire of the Chair if it was or was not on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that it was on the record.

Mrs. MANN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to be sure it was there.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that the document inquired about by the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, is not in possession of the House.

The House will recess for fifteen minutes. The House stands recessed.

After Recess

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: If there is no objection, the House will take up at this time a Bill assigned for third reading at ten-thirty o'clock this morning, Eastern Standard Time. Does the Chair hear objection?

The Chair hears none.

Passed to Be Engrossed Amended Resolve

Resolve Granting a Complimentary Fishing License to the President of the United States (H. P. 1266)

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

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

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This morning, this House made a grand gesture and rightly so to the President of the United States of America.

I feel that the State of Maine is known all over the United States as a State of great hospitality and now I feel that we should go one step further and I offer House Amendment "A" so that the President of the United States and his wife, the First Lady, should be also honored. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, offers House Amendment "A" to the Resolve and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1266, Resolve, Granting a Complimentary Fishing License to the President of the United States.

Amend said Resolve in the Title by adding after the words "United States" the words 'of America'

Further amend said Resolve by adding after the words "United States" in the 1st line thereof the words 'of America'

Further amend said Resolve in the 9th line by adding after the words "United States" the words 'of America'

Further amend said Resolve in the 23th line by adding after the words "United States" the words 'of America and to Mamie Doud Eisenhower, his wife'

Further amend said Resolve in the 23rd line by striking out the word "license" and inserting in place thereof the word 'licenses'

House Amendment "A" was adopted.

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

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, arise?

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am just as persistent as the gentleman down on the corner there. I would like to know if the House has in its possession L. D. 1020?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that it does.

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our action of yesterday whereby we receded and concurred with the Senate for indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, moves that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it voted to recede and concur with the Senate in indefinitely postponing House Paper 912, Legislative Document 1020, Bill "An Act relating to Joint Ownership Re Inheritance Tax Law". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the House voted to insist on its former action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A".

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates" (H. P. 191) (L. D. 196) reporting that the House recede from its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "D". Indefinitely postpone House Amendment "D". Adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A", and that the Senate recede and concur with the above action. (Signed)

STANLEY of Bangor

TOTMAN of Bangor

QUINN of Bangor

— Committee on part of House.

CHAPMAN of Cumberland

LESSARD of Androscoggin

LOW of Knox

— Committee on part of Senate.

Report was read.

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

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 191, L. D. 196, Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the Title thereof after the word "by" the word 'Certain'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 8th, 9th and 10th lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'State Senator or Representative in the Legislature, but with the clerk of the municipality in which he resides, if he was a candidate for a municipal office to be elected by the registered voters of the entire city, provided the city is one of 10,000 inhabitants or over, for a city, ward or town office, an itemized, sworn statement setting'

Further amend said Bill, in the 25th and 26th lines thereof, by restoring the stricken out words and punctuation to read as follows: 'or the clerk of the municipality, as the case may be,'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 2. R.S., c. 9, Sec. 7, amended. The last sentence of section 7 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'The clerk of every city of over 10,000 inhabitants shall provide blank forms suitable for the statements required to be returned to him.'

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the Conference Committee Report?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh.

Mr. WALSH: Mr. Speaker, far be it from me to try to prolong matters, but we have some towns in the State of Maine that are over 10,000 inhabitants and I was just wondering if this thing should not be, from any member of the committee of conference if they would have any objection to changing that to the entire city or town?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh, addresses a question through the Chair to any member of the Conference Committee who may care to answer.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sure the committee of conference would

welcome any help, if necessary, to put this thing in the final form. However, I suspect, unless someone might correct me, that the word "city" would not legally bar the interpretation of the word town.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, in the revised statutes of Maine, definitions of cities and towns are synonymous when it comes to interpreting these things. And this is something that has come from the division of elections of the Secretary of State's office. And from the research that I made on it, I did not find any towns that had 10,000 inhabitants.

(Cries of "No")

Mr. QUINN: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Any municipality may rise to defend itself.

The pending question is whether or not to accept the Conference Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon the Conference Committee Report was accepted.

The House receded from its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "D" and its action whereby House Amendment "D" was adopted, and the Amendment was indefinitely postponed. Conference Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" and sent up for concurrence.

The following paper from the Senate was taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve for a Recess Committee to Study All Phases of Stream and Water Pollution with a View toward Determining a Practical Solution and the Cost Thereof (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1092) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" on May 18.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Lamb.

Mr. LAMB: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Having served on this committee of Natural Resources this session, I would hate to place any, or rather come back here myself for another session and serve on that same committee, or place any other man in the position of doing the same with no more material to work with than the highly colored and incomplete material we had with which to make a decision. It was my feeling that this bill offered the only positive approach I have seen this session. And I certainly had hoped that this would pass so that succeeding Legislatures would have more complete material with which to organize a program for our stream pollution abatement.

And I would ask now that the House insist upon its former action taken on this matter and ask for a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Lamb, moves that the House insist and request a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. LAMB of Eastport
PIERCE of Bucksport
LIBBY of Camden

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now move that Bill "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for Legislative Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955", L. D. 1562, be given its third reading inasmuch as it has been printed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, moves that Bill "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for Legislative Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955", Senate Paper 592, Legislative Document 1562, tabled earlier in the day pending third reading and printing be taken from the table. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, was granted unanimous consent to address the House and approach the rostrum.

Mr. TOTMAN: Bill, I was strictly advised to come up here with a prepared speech by our Majority Floor Leader. You know how I feel about written speeches and I do not think on this occasion justice can be done by reading anything or saying anything memorized.

I want to say on behalf of the House that in this little package is represented the sincere, as fully as that word can be expressed, esteem of the manner in which you have conscientiously and most impartially treated the members of the House during this session. While it is a pleasure to give you this token of recognition, I frankly and personally am sad to say that it means we are approaching the end, but from the bottom of my heart, Bill, and I am sure I speak for the rest of the members of the House, we certainly appreciate the wonderful job you have done. (Applause, the members rising)

(The Speaker was presented with a clock)

The SPEAKER: Jim, to you and to all the members of the House, I would like to say that being your Speaker has been one of the happiest experiences of my life. All of you have been most kind to Jinny and to me, and we shall treasure your friendship always.

If it does happen that at any time you come through Auburn, and this is a non-partisan remark, I hope you will stop in and see us. It has been a wonderful House to preside over. I do not know whether any speaker can fairly say it or not, but I suspect that this has been one of the greatest Houses of Representatives that Maine has ever had.

This beautiful clock will be a memento that will always keep us right on time in the future, yet also it will remind my wife and me of the past and this very enjoyable experience.

To all of you, my sincere thanks. It has been wonderful to work for

you, and I do hope when you are coming through Auburn, you will stop in and visit. Thank you. (Applause, the Members rising)

Mr. Totman of Bangor, presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate concurring, that the Governor and Council, with the assistance of the Superintendent of Buildings, are requested to reapportion space in the State House following completion of the new office building, to provide the following:

One large hearing room presently occupied by the Department of Education;

Nine additional hearing rooms;

Additional space on the third floor of the State House to be assigned to provide more adequately for Executive, Councilor and Legislative needs as suggested on the floor plans submitted as a supplement to this order. (H. P. 1268)

The Resolution was received out of order and under suspension of the rules and read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This order is a result of the efforts of the Legislative Facilities Committee which was appointed by joint order last March. To that committee was appointed the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Bernier, the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, and myself. I would like to state that these two other gentlemen and myself in cooperation with the members of the Senate, I think it is permissible to mention them in this instance, have done to the best of our ability with the time allocated and with the assistance of the Clerk of the House, the Speaker of the House, and the people in this building who will remain here after the office building is completed this suggested re-apportionment of space.

We held one hearing in which all parties concerned were invited to attend and any objections were heard. We feel that those who will remain in the building are now reasonably satisfied. I would call your attention to the fact that the order

does not try to be all-inclusive, but simply states what the Legislature feels it should have to best operate leaving the exact division to those who will be here when we adjourn, namely the Governor and Council and the Superintendent of Buildings.

I think that your committee has acted in good faith. I do not feel that there are any objections from any party and consequently, I sincerely hope that the Resolution will be adopted.

Thereupon, the Resolution was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. COOK: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: I just wanted to amplify one thing or two in regard to the invitation to the Allagash and the dedication of the bridge.

I do not think that I made it plain that all activities will be absolutely free of charge. This is an invitation extended and the hospitality is extended through the funds furnished by the Plantation of the Allagash.

And all of you that come, and all of your guests that you bring with you, will be entertained and served at absolutely no cost to anyone coming.

There is also one other item that I neglected to mention and that is that if there is any one of you that is on a particular diet or something such as that, why they will be very glad to provide for your particular needs as regards your dinner. And if you will be good enough to send a card or a letter to Mr. Perry McBreairey who is Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in the Allagash and he will see that your needs are taken care of.

Also, if there are any of you who would be seeking accommodations for the night, if you will also get in touch with this same gentleman, he will do everything possible to take care of your needs and you will all, each one of you, receive an individual invitation some time within the next week or 10 days. Thank you.

Mr. Roundy of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ROUNDY: Mr. Speaker, I cannot bring myself to leave this session of the Legislature without saying a word concerning the Bookmobile. And the additional one that will be in operation.

I think many of you may know that this service follows a line that in previous years has been found most acceptable and highly valuable in our sister states. And many of us will recall that in the closing hours, not moments, of the session two years ago, it became possible to provide means whereby the first Bookmobile in Maine could be established under the direction of our State Librarian.

I am very thankful to realize that in the supplemental budget for this year, the second unit of Bookmobile is provided for. So that when our action becomes law 90 days after adjournment, steps can be taken for the introduction of this second unit.

The first unit to be established, Mrs. Stubbs told me very definitely, she thought should be fairly near to the State Capitol and it has worked out that it has been most serviceable and delightfully acceptable to the towns without libraries and there are very many of them in this state, in the state as a whole; the towns that lie in a general way between here and the coast town. I think some of them are in Kennebec, others in Lincoln, possibly in Sagadahoc, Knox and Waldo. Perhaps some of you, just a few weeks ago, in the Sunday Telegram saw the whole page interestingly illustrated and the story told very well of what the service of this Bookmobile has already meant to the people of the State of Maine, to schools and communities. The school children eagerly looking forward to the return each time, and perhaps a period of five weeks of the Bookmobile and the fresh books that can come to them for their own use and to be used in their own homes. And moreover in other times than during the period of the school year, someone in the community will be responsible for a period whereby distribution can be made of these books to be read. Books of fiction, books of history and autobiography and so on; not

books that you would find in a reference library like the splendid one we have in the State House, books that can be obtained upon application at any time.

Now this supplemental budget provides for the second unit and this second unit will accommodate the people in the towns of Hancock and Washington Counties. And I am sure the people who are there will be most grateful as they become delightfully acquainted with what this all means to the rural communities in which they live.

Really this requires a few thousand dollars but means doing a very great deal for a relatively small sum. Mrs. Stubbs had hoped that this coming year would mean the establishment of the second unit and then the year afterward the third unit. As the report has come to us and our budget has been adopted, it will mean that it will be not one but two units for this next biennium and I can hope that this matter will go on so that two years from now, or possibly if there is any way to get it about earlier, a unit can be established in the Aroostook region. Maine cannot do everything but this is one of the things which, in addition to our school plans, we can most acceptably and most valuably provide for our boys and girls and young men and women and families in our state.

I thank you very much.

Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to say at this time that I have enjoyed being with each and every one of the members from Cumberland County, but I do hope that Aroostook has so—I do not know how to say we have given them, I would not say generously, but given them, but I do hope it is men of the caliber of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaflin, and the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy. Because I have found these to be very good men to debate against and very fair minded men and always willing to change their minds when they found that they are in wrong.

Also, at this time, Ladies and Gentlemen and Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank each and every one of you Members of the House, the Speaker, the Clerk, and the Members of the Clerk's office for the way that they have handled my bills and been so, well, I would say, so easy in handling my affairs which sometimes I have mixed up quite badly.

I thank each and every one of you.

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

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker, this is a bit out of order but may I have permission to form a committee of seven gentlemen of this House to wait upon the fair ladies of the House.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the gentleman's request? The Chair hears none and the gentleman is so authorized.

Mr. STANLEY: Will the following gentlemen come to the well of the House as I call their names: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs; the gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Bibber; the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley; the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant; the gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Maxwell; the gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Reed; the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin.

The gentlewomen of the House: Miss Cormier of Rumford; Mrs. Files of Portland; Miss Lawry of Rockland; Mrs. Mann of Paris; Mrs. Michaud of Madawaska; Mrs. Thomas of Anson assembled in the well of the House, amidst the applause of the House.

At the request of Mr. Stanley of Hampden, Mrs. E. May Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the House, joined the lady members, the members applauding.

Mr. STANLEY: We have some very beautiful flowers which we wish to give to the fair ladies of the House in appreciation of their having been with us throughout this session and tolerated us. We appreciate them very much. We hope that they will accept this token of our appreciation.

Thereupon, amid the applause of the House, corsages were presented to the lady members of the House by the gentleman members of the House as follows: To Mrs. Thomas of Anson by Mr. Childs of Portland; to Miss Lawry of Rockland by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport; to Mrs. Files of Portland by Mr. Stanley of Bangor; to Miss Cormier of Rumford by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston; to Mrs. Mann of Paris by Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop; to Mrs. Chapman, the Assistant Clerk of the House, by Mr. McGlaufflin of Portland; to Mrs. Michaud of Madawaska by Mr. Stanley of Hampden.

Mr. Hilton of Bremen was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HILTON: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: You will notice, those of you who take the Kennebec Journal, the picture on the front page of a very noted gentleman who visited my town, yesterday, namely United States Supreme Court Associate Justice William O. Douglas, and his wife. Mr. Douglas, I know very well, he has been there many times. He was there at the time of the election last fall and we told him very politely after the election that we would shoot any more Democrats who came into the State of Maine after that date.

Strange as it may seem, Mr. Douglas is interested in buying a summer home up here in the State of Maine and by your actions here in the House in going along with the Westport Bridge deal, you have opened up the door as he is interested in a summer place on Westport Island. By your actions here in making that a free bridge, he is very interested now in having a home there.

You will notice by the picture that Chief Justice Douglas is a massive man. The man along side of him weighs 250 pounds and Chief Justice Douglas is large in proportion and I want you to know that we appreciate the House and the Legislature in going along with us on the Westport Bridge deal. (Applause)

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

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I seem to be having all of the fun this afternoon. Would the girls from the Clerk's office please come to the well of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Sergeant-at-Arms is instructed to escort the ladies who are legislative assistants in the Clerk's office to the well of the Hall of the House.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the gentleman from South Portland, would be willing to help out. He was very anxious to get in on the other act and I wonder if he would object to helping out on this matter.

Thereupon, the members of the Clerk's office staff, were escorted to the well of the House, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Mr. STANLEY: Ladies, this is a small token of appreciation which all of us hold for you who have helped us so much that we could not have carried on this Legislature without you. I hope that you will enjoy these flowers for a short time and thank you for being with us.

Thereupon, Mr. Fuller of South Portland presented corsages to Mrs. Mary Frances Kellogg, Secretary to the Clerk; Mrs. Margaret B. Miskavage, Secretary to the Clerk; Mrs. Bertha W. Lewis, Secretary to Assistant Clerk; Mrs. Regis T. Strout, Legislative Docket Clerk; Mrs. Margaret H. Fernald, Assistant Legislative Docket Clerk; Mrs. Gladys N. Mathews, Journal Copy Clerk.

The SPEAKER: Before the ladies go out, the Chair would like to say a brief word on the record that perhaps no one is in as good a position as the Speaker to realize how much the work of the ladies means to the progress of this legislative session. Perhaps some of the members do not realize how long they work, in fact, last night some of them were working as late as one o'clock so that the House could go on with its operations today. The Chair thinks that we all are deeply indebted to them for their conscientious, devoted efforts. (Applause)

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker, one more request, may we have

Mrs. Joan Gerald escorted to the well of the Hall of the House?

Thereupon, Mrs. Gerald, Secretary to the Speaker, was escorted to the well of the Hall of the House.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Joan, I think that possibly you had not planned this but I know that the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Stanley, was looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure.

I want to speak on behalf of the members of the House that I feel that keeping us from being thrown out of the office of the Speaker of the House, at the same time protecting him, is quite a job. We sincerely appreciate your cheerful disposition.

Thereupon, Mrs. Gerald was presented with a corsage.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House recessed until three-thirty, Eastern Standard Time, this afternoon.

After Recess

3:30 P.M., E.S.T.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Conveyance of Public Secondary School Pupils" (H. P. 644) (L. D. 721) reporting that they are unable to agree.

(Signed)

BROWN of Baileyville
FULLER of South Portland
CHILDS of Portland

— Committee on part of House.

DOW of Lincoln
CRABTREE of Arrostook
FULLER of Oxford

— Committee on part of Senate.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The following House Reports were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Highways on Resolve to Construct Road from Harris Hill to East Poland, Androscoggin County (H. P. 882) (L. D. 990) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve to Construct a Certain Road in Alexander, Washington County (H. P. 1176)

Mr. Denbow from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Town of Garland (H. P. 983) (L. D. 1131)

Mr. Dunn from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the Town of Newry (H. P. 884) (L. D. 992)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve to Construct Certain Road in Gardiner (H. P. 886) (L. D. 994)

Mr. Ferguson from same Committee reported same on Resolve to Repair State Aid Road in Greenwood (H. P. 885) (L. D. 993)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Highway Commission to Construct Certain Road in Readfield and Mt. Vernon (H. P. 1155) (L. D. 1373)

Mr. Higgins from same Committee reported same on Resolve Providing for Construction of Road from Cutler to West Lubec, Washington County (H. P. 824) (L. D. 916)

Mr. Nadeau from same Committee reported same on Resolve to Construct Part of Route 9 (H. P. 879) (L. D. 987)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Extension of Tax Lien Foreclosure" (S. P. 431) (L. D. 1190) which was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence in the House earlier in the day.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to adhere.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Hancock.

Mr. HANCOCK: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe this particular bill is covered by other legislation in the full document of the new chapter on town taxation and that is why the other body took the action they did take.

I therefore move that we adhere.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from York, Mr. Hancock, moves that the House adhere. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Providing for a Deputy Commissioner of Institutional Service" (H. P. 1259) (L. D. 1554) which was passed to be engrossed in the House earlier in the day.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We had a good hearing on this bill. There seemed to be a need of Assistant to the Commissioner of Institutional Services. He was agreeable to having that assistant. The committee reported out unanimously "Ought to pass". And I still feel that there is a need for this deputy commissioner.

And I move that we insist on our former action and a committee of conference be appointed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, moves that the House insist and request a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: There has been considerable transpired in that department since this "Ought to pass" report was brought out. There has been removed from that department a great deal of the business the three sanatoriums and I cannot see why, at this time, inasmuch as they got along without this deputy commissioner and it would cost some \$7,500.00 per year, I can-

not understand just why we would have to have him.

I think we should concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair understand that the gentleman moves to recede and concur?

Mr. CURTIS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, if it is in order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that the motion is in order. The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, moves that the House recede and concur.

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

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The previous speaker said that this carries a cost of \$7,500 annually. I hope that that point is made clear. That would be in salary. But I think that the deputy commissioner could well save many times that salary.

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

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think it would be very unfair being a member of the Committee of Correctional Institutions, we felt two years ago as if we should have this bill in regard to a deputy commissioner, at that time Commissioner Greenlaw was very much opposed to it. So this year the Committee of Correctional Institutions felt the same way and he was very much against it.

So therefore, taking into consideration what my good friend, the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, has said that we have transferred some out of there, all the sanatoriums, I believe that we should go along with Mr. Curtis, the gentleman from Bowdoinham, and recede and concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to recede and concur?

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

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I still feel that there is need of a deputy commissioner of Institutional Services. This man could go out into the field and do a lot of the running around that our commissioner

is now doing. It would give the Commissioner a chance to be in his office and be there when people wanted to see him. And I also believe it would save considerable money for the state.

And I ask that when the vote is taken, it be taken by division.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that the House recede and concur with the Senate in indefinitely postponing Bill "An Act Providing for a Deputy Commissioner of Institutional Service", House Paper 1259, Legislative Document 1554.

The gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, has requested a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-one having voted in the affirmative and thirty-one having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of State Park Commission as to Recreation" (H. P. 1121) (L. D. 1319) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" on May 17.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

The Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Miss LAWRY of Rockland
Mr. CHILDS of Portland
Miss CORMIER of Rumford

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Policemen (S. P. 117) (L. D. 276) which was passed to be enacted in the House on May 5, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence on May 3.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Descent of Real Estate in Divorce Cases (S. P. 38) (L. D. 27) which was passed to be enacted in the House on May 13, and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence on May 11.

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

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to S. P. 38, L. D. 27, Bill "An Act relating to Descent of Real Estate in Divorce Cases."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined word "one" in the 3rd line of the 3rd paragraph of that part designated Sec. 65-A, and inserting in place thereof the underlined word "each"

Thereupon the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, arise?

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question through the Chair. There seems to be something wrong with the indefinite postponement of L. D. 276. I was under the impression that that L. D. was in a committee of conference and that we had not reached an agreement yet.

I know that there was another L. D. relating to policemen but I do not think that it was this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would request the gentleman to kindly defer a minute.

The Chair would inquire of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, if the Bill referred to is not An Act relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Policemen of the City of Lewiston?

Mr. COTE: That is the one, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that this is a different act and is not confined to the policemen of the City of Lewiston.

Mr. COTE: I am sorry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

From the Senate: The following Order: (S. P. 603)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the following Bills be recalled to the Senate from the Governor's office:

H. P. 1248, L. D. 1541, An Act relating to Preference to Maine Residents in Certain Contracts.

S. P. 494, L. D. 1371, An Act Amending the Mining Law.

S. P. 570, L. D. 1523, An Act relating to the Use of Artificial Lights for Lighting Game.

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair would like to reverse things a bit. The House has had the good fortune this session and the Speaker, particularly, has had the good fortune to have many able substitutes to relieve him and give him a few moments free time from standing up.

The Chair would request as the names are called that the various Speakers pro tem who have served during the session would assemble in the well of the Hall of the House. To each one of those gentlemen, the Chair would like to state on behalf of itself and also on behalf of the House the small token is a token of appreciation of the House and of the Speaker for their fine service as Speakers pro tem.

Thereupon, Certificates were presented by the Speaker to the following members: Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship; Mr. Edgar of Bar Harbor; Mr. Cates of East Machias; Mr. Earles of South Portland; Mr. Reed of Fort Fairfield; Mr. Shaw of Bingham; Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle; Mr. Rogerson of Houlton; Miss Cormier of Rumford; Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport; Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop; Mr. Stanwood of Steuben; Mr. Edwards of Raymond; Mr. Hilton of Bremen; Mr. Totman of Bangor; Mr. Stanley of Bangor; Mr. Osborne of Fairfield; Mr. Childs of Portland; Mr. Hancock of York; Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater; Mr. Fuller of South Portland; Mr. Stil-

phen of Rockland; Mr. Sanford of Dover-Foxcroft; Mr. Needham of Orono; Mr. Walsh of Brunswick; Mr. McCluskey of Warren; Mr. Potter of Medway; Mr. Ross of Bath; Mr. Browne of Bangor; Mr. Haughn of Bridgton; Mr. Stanley of Hampden.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will express its appreciation to these gentlemen and ladies for their fine jobs in serving this House.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, and welcomes him to the rostrum.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the members here who were Speakers pro tem, we certainly attempted to do the fine job which you have always done and we thank you very, very much for your token.

The SPEAKER: The Chair only wishes that all the one hundred and fifty-one members of the House had had time to serve as Speakers pro tem or Speaker for the House has a great deal of talent and wishes that time had permitted. The Chair believes that there is at least one of these certificates still waiting from the engraver.

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

Mr. REED: Mr. Speaker, at this time, with your permission and the permission of the House, I would like to perform my duty which I was unfortunately not able to do a short time ago.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that the gentleman may proceed with the House's approbation.

Thereupon, Mr. Reed presented the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, with a corsage, amid the applause of the House.

Miss Cormier of Rumford was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House: It has been a very great pleasure for us, the ladies of this Legislature, to serve with you. You have been, at all times, perfect gentlemen. You have been a source of great inspiration to each and every one of us. Perhaps the only small part that

we have contributed to your comfort here this winter has been that we have suspended Rule 25.

However, this afternoon we feel that there are a few who should be remembered for the work that they have done not only for the women but for the men and I would ask at this time that the ladies of the Legislature would please assemble in the well of the Hall of the House.

The SPEAKER: It is so ordered.

Miss CORMIER: Perhaps one of the biggest services that has been done for the members of the Legislature was the work that has been done by Bob McLaurin who so ably handled the switchboard. So many times in our excitement we got up and asked to be recognized, not realizing perhaps that we should have waited a little while to give him ample time. However, he has done a superb job and he certainly deserves the applause and the appreciation of this House.

Mr. McLaurin was presented with a boutonniere amid the applause of the House.

Miss CORMIER: One who certainly must have cramps in his fingers at this late time in the session is our able reporter and we do not want to forget Raymond Gidney.

Mr. Gidney was presented with a boutonniere amid the applause of the House.

Miss CORMIER: To both Mr. Hulbert and Mr. Mathieson, the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, we want you gentlemen to know that we certainly are most appreciative of your very fine work in this Legislature.

Thereupon, those gentlemen were presented with boutonnieres amid the applause of the House.

Miss CORMIER: A very tedious job that was done this winter but always done with a smile is the job so faithfully done by our Doorkeeper, Mr. Clarence P. Chase. Will he please advance to the well of the House.

Miss CORMIER: And last but not least we must not forget the little pages. They did our errands, they ran their legs off, they always had a smile and they certainly should be remembered and it is with a great deal of pleasure that we ask

both Dwight Dogherty and Harland Ryder to approach the women.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that Mr. Ryder and Mr. Chase are not here this afternoon.

Miss CORMIER: May I say it is their loss. I do not know when they will have such charming women waiting upon them.

Thereupon, Dwight Dogherty was presented with a boutonniere amid the applause of the House.

Mr. Edgar of Bar Harbor and Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham then presented corsages to Mrs. Nancy H. Boyd, Assistant House Reporter, and Mrs. Greta H. Merrill, Transcribing Clerk, amid the applause of the House.

Mr. Stanwood of Steuben presented a corsage to Mrs. Jeanie McLaurin, Transcribing Clerk, amid the applause of the House.

Mr. Totman of Bangor was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: It has been called to my attention that some members of the House have been just a little bit curious as to where the funds came from for these various presents and gifts. We all know that the members who presented them certainly did not have the money to do it because they have not gotten that last pay check yet. But I want to assure you in all seriousness that when you bought your Legislative tickets for the dances that part of the Legislative dance money was for the gifts, it was not any slush fund or special appropriation.

And while I have the floor, since the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, my good friend on my committee seems to begrudge the good fortune of some members of the House, I would like to remind him, just like the bills that got through earlier this session, it is first come, first served.

Mr. McGlaufflin of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This morning one statement that I wanted to make, I would like to add at this time.

In the nine terms that I have been up here, I have addressed the House a great many times. But some times I have wondered if the honorable gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, was not going to exceed my record in one term. (Applause)

I had also intended to say that I think the floor leader from the Democratic Party has done an excellent job this term and we appreciate his courtesy and his good management.

I would like also to say that I think we have had a very able and a patient floor leader in the Republican Party in the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

And just one other remark. Among the men I intended to mention this morning was the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette. I served on the Judiciary Committee with his brother and while it is a little too bad that Mr. Cianchette, the gentleman from Pittsfield, is in the Democratic Party, I know for a fact that his brother was a Republican, that there is good blood in the family. (Applause)

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

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In regard to that last remark, within our own family, we have often wondered where that black sheep came from. (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that it will not be possible to adjourn without day tonight but that it will expedite an earlier session tomorrow if the House recesses now and comes back again this evening at seven o'clock so that things may be processed and sent to the printers.

The Chair will entertain a motion to recess until seven o'clock.

Mr. Howard of Dixfield was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HOWARD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to say just a few words for that group of us who way back last January were Freshmen in here, or we were called Freshmen. We who came into the Halls of the House in awkwardness.

I want to express for all of us, who are new members, our appreciation to the older members, in years of service that is, and to the Clerk and his staff who have answered all our questions and helped us in so many ways.

I want also to tell the Clerk how much his book for beginners helped. I do not see how previous new members ever found their way around without it. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I never would have missed it. I have met so many nice people from all over the State of Maine that I never would have had the opportunity to and I only hope that I may be privileged to come back here another session and perhaps do a better job for my constituents back home and my own beloved State of Maine. Thank you.

Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, I do want to express my appreciation for our wonderful Speaker. I think he has been one of the grandest speakers anyone could ever dream of. And I also want to express my appreciation for the new members of the House who have come in here and worked so nobly and so earnestly in behalf of good legislation.

I feel that I should say something about our Aroostook delegation but I am not going to say much. But I feel that we have one of the finest groups of Freshmen in the Aroostook delegation that I have ever seen here. And I want them to know that I appreciate them even though I have not always agreed with them.

I think that we have had a wonderful House and I just wanted the new members, especially, to know that I have felt that they were a grand group and we all have appreciated them, I am sure. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House recessed until 7 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, today.

After Recess 7:00 P.M., E.S.T.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the notices he has before going on to Supplement 5.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Directors of Corporations" (S. P. 269) (L. D. 700) reporting that the House recede and concur with the Senate.

(Signed)

WOODCOCK of Penobscot

REID of Kennebec

SILSBY of Hancock

— Committee on part of Senate.

SANFORD of

Dover-Foxcroft

ROSS of Brownville

HANSON of Gardiner

— Committee on part of House.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the Conference Committee Report?

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of accepting the Conference Committee Report will kindly signify by saying aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had.

Twenty-nine having voted in the affirmative and fifty - one having voted in the negative, the Report was rejected.

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to License Plates for Motor Vehicle Owners Who Operate Amateur Radio Stations" (S. P. 546) (L. D. 1487) reporting that the Senate indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment "A";

that the House recede and concur with the Senate in the acceptance of the Majority Report of the Committee on Transportation and pass the New Draft to be engrossed without Amendment.

(Signed)

CHAPMAN of Cumberland
HALL of York
COLE of Waldo

— Committee on part of Senate.

TOTMAN of Bangor
FINEMORE of Bridgewater
PIERCE of Bucksport

— Committee on part of House.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the New Draft passed to be engrossed without Amendment.

In the House, the Report was read.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reject the report of the committee. I do so reluctantly because I personally happen to be very much in favor of recognizing a group of men who are volunteering both their time and their equipment as an important cog in the Civil Defense network. However, the proposed compromise of the committee would give them a special series of numbers which they want no part of. I sincerely hope that my motion prevails.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, moves that the Conference Committee Report be rejected. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report was rejected.

Senate Reports of Committees Divided Report

Report "A" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in Favor of the Eastport Highway Bridge (S. P. 310) (L. D. 849) reporting a Bill (S. P. 601) (L. D. 1560) under title of "An Act relating to Perry-Eastport Highway" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. CHAPMAN of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

Messrs. EDWARDS of Raymond
CATES of East Machias
STANLEY of Bangor
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. SINCLAIR of Somerset
COLLINS of Aroostook
— of the Senate.

Messrs. HENRY of North Yarmouth
JACOBS of Auburn
— of the House.

Came from the Senate with the original Resolve substituted for both Reports and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House: The Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Calais the original Resolve was substituted for the Reports in concurrence and read once.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 310, L. D. 349, Resolve in favor of the Eastport Highway Bridge.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the figure "\$500,000" in the 1st line and inserting in place thereof the figure "\$400,000"

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lamb of Eastport, under suspension of the rules, the Resolve was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Highways on Resolve in favor of Town of Mariaville, Hancock County (S. P. 428) (L. D. 1187)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

From the Senate: The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 20, 1955

Honorable Harvey R. Pease
Clerk of the House of
Representatives
Ninety-seventh Legislature

Sir:

The Senate today voted to insist on its former action on "Resolve in favor of George A. Bragdon of Lincoln." (H. P. 157) and to join a Committee of Conference. The President appointed the following Conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

BUTLER of Franklin
DUNHAM of Hancock
SINCLAIR of Somerset

The Senate also voted to insist on its former action on Bill "An Act relating to Eligibility for Old Age Assistance." (S. P. 141) (L. D. 333) and to join a Committee of Conference. The President appointed the following Conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

COLLINS of Aroostook
SINCLAIR of Somerset
CHAPMAN of Cumberland

The Senate also voted to insist on its former action on Bill, "An Act relating to Officers of the Legislature." (S. P. 461) (L. D. 1305) and to join a Committee of Conference. The President appointed the following Conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

COLLINS of Aroostook
SINCLAIR of Somerset
CHAPMAN of Cumberland

Respectfully,

(Signed) Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The following House Report was taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

**House Report of Committee
Ought to Pass
in New Draft**

Mr. Dunn from the Committee on Highways on Resolve in favor of Matinicus Island (H. P. 1182) (L. D.

1433) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1267) (L. D. 1563) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the Resolve given its two several readings under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is happy to be informed that there are no papers in the possession of the House at this time on which the House could act further. Later this evening, it would be possible to dispose of further papers. The Chair would suggest that at eight o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, the House meet and dispose of further papers.

If any member has any business to bring before the House, he may do so.

(Off Record Remarks)

Mr. Childs of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, will Mrs. Chapman return to the rostrum, please.

Thereupon, Mrs. Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the House, was escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair continues to recognize the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mrs. Chapman, on behalf of the members of the House, I would like at this time to thank you for the grand job that you have done this session and for the grand job that you have done every session that you have been here. I think everybody in the House here well realizes the help that our Clerk gives to the Speaker on occasions and the help that you give to the Clerk when he needs your help to give help to the Speaker.

At this time, I would like, on behalf of the House, to present a small token to you. (Applause)

Mrs. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Over a period of years I have really gained, I know, many friendships in my years of service in the different capacities in which I have served.

I appreciate your friendliness in this session and, as I have gone through the State, I never go into a town or even a small village but I know that if I were stranded there at any time, I could just go up and ring a door bell.

I thank you for this token. It has been a pleasure to work with the Speaker and your Clerk, of course, I have worked with him a good many years, and I know that I could never repay the members over the years for all the kindnesses that they have extended to me. Thank you very much. (Prolonged applause, the members rising)

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

Mr. McGLAULIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It has just occurred to me that in the course of my remarks, I failed to mention our most efficient Speaker. I want to now say that I too think you have done a remarkable job and we greatly appreciate your being our Speaker this term. (Applause)

Mr. Childs of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, would you request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Clerk of the House to the rostrum, please.

Thereupon, Harvey R. Pease was escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

The SPEAKER: The Chair continues to recognize the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Pease, Clerk of the Maine House, I know that you sincerely believe that we cannot get along without you and I know that you are right. Harvey, I want to, at this time, on behalf of the members of the House, thank you for the wonderful way that you have treated every member of this House during this session. I am well aware of the fact that you have given me so much help at times when I would not know what to do. I know that probably many other members of the House feel that way. Certainly in your parlia-

mentary procedure, I do not know who can compare with you, not that I have always agreed with you but I have found out later that you were usually right.

On behalf of the members of the House, I would like to present a token to you and I know that it comes from the bottom of our hearts. (Applause)

Mr. PEASE: Mr. Speaker, Majority Floor Leader Childs, and Members of the House: I used to think that I knew what was going on here, but I was told, and I believe it, that this was coming tomorrow. Not that I intended to write a speech or anything else. It gets to be kind of a habit with me making some sort of a speech here and they have to be pretty nearly all alike because I am just like all the other men in this House, if I have been successful at all, and I am not like all the men, I am a little different from them in a certain way, because most of these men down here owe their success to some woman. Well now, down in Wiscasset, there is the good little woman who took my name some 40 years ago who is carrying on for me, and I certainly owe an awful lot to that little woman. But I am not like you, because when I get up here the success, if I have any at all, I owe to seven women, and I mean that, because if it appears that I can do things and know how to do things and get things done and get them done quick and so forth, it is all because of the loyal, untiring efforts and cooperation that is given me by an office force, and you know that they are awful good-looking, because you have seen them down here this afternoon. And they deliver the goods and they are the ones that make it possible for me to look good if I do, and I hope I do.

Mr. Childs said something about not getting along without me and that kind of reminds me of a little philosophy that I have of life. Earlier when I was some years younger, I undertook to do things for the Legislature, for my town, and when I got started I thought I was about the only one that could do those things. I thought the Legislature would almost stop if Harvey was not here at ten o'clock tomorrow morning to start out. And as time went

on I got into the next cycle when I found out and I decided that lots and lots and lots of people could do the job a good deal better than I could and I did not dare to be away at 10 o'clock because I was afraid you would find out how well they could do it. (Laughter)

And now I am getting over into that other cycle, and I am not sure whether I like it or not, where I not only know that the job will go on and others can do it just as well or better than I can, but I have almost reached the point where I do not give a d-a-m how quick they undertake to do it.

Seriously, having gone through this ordeal twelve times, it would not just do, because I have had friends in other Legislatures, for me to tell you that this was the best House. That would not do, would it? I can, however, say that you have established two or three records. One of them and one of the most important, I think, is that you have gone through a legislative session and if any of you have gotten real mad at any one of your neighbors, or your associates here, I have not been able to see it. And I have seen people awful mad and I have seen them with black eyes in this House.

There is another funny thing about this session. We have not had a single petition or remonstrance from the people, and I am inclined to think that you must be doing a pretty good job if nobody sends petitions in here or remonstrances in here. You must be doing a good job and suiting everybody.

Seriously, it has been a great, great pleasure to come back here after thirty years in the State's service, after my twelfth term as Clerk of the House and to work with such a fine, fair, outstanding, hard working Speaker of the House as I have had the pleasure of being associated with this session. There is none better than Bill Trafton. (Applause)

Now you know what I think about my office force, I have talked about them. The entire personnel of the legislative machinery is something that you should be proud of if you took the time to find out what they do. These people down in front here, the engrossing department, and last but not least the committee clerks

upstairs, they have worked long hours and got along some way with with you people, I do not know just how.

I said I was going to buy something with what was in the envelope two years ago, that it was going to replace something that I had had for twenty years and well maybe I will put this into something that will last for twenty years and then the next Legislature can replace it in twenty years from now. Thank you. (Applause, the members rising)

The members sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

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

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question through the Chair to the Clerk?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin, is authorized so to do by special dispensation.

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Our Honorable Clerk stated that he did not give a d-a-m. I want to ask him if he meant d-a-m or d-a-m-n?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin, addresses a question through the Chair to the Clerk of the House, who may answer if he sees fit to.

Mr. PEASE: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin, knows right well that I did not mean anything I said, hardly. (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: Is there any other business to come before the House?

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

Mr. EDGAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Speaking for those of us who are in the rear row of the House, I know that we can fully attest to the fact that Clerk Pease gets things done. But we can go further than that, we have witnessed authentically one of the ways in which he gets things done. As you will recall, several days ago, the Speaker announced that the Clerk would now read the notices. The Clerk searched his desk and found no notices and he came stomping up the aisle and went through that door but before the door closed, we in the back row

understood the efficiency of our Clerk. The last words that we heard were: "Where in the hell are those notices?" (Laughter)

Thereupon, the House recessed for half an hour.

After Recess

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Policemen of City of Lewiston" (S. P. 163) (L. D. 357) reporting that the House recede from its action whereby it referred the Bill to the next Legislature, and concur with the Senate in passing the Bill to be engrossed.

(Signed)

WOODCOCK of Penobscot
LESSARD of Androscoggin
MARTIN of Kennebec

— Committee on part of Senate.

COUTURE of Lewiston
COTE of Lewiston
DUMAIS of Lewiston

— Committee on part of House

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House: The Report was read and accepted in concurrence. The House receded from its action whereby it referred the Bill to the next Legislature and it was given its third reading under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Senate Report of Committee Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for an Additional Assistant Attorney General" (S. P. 474) (L. D. 1343) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 596) (L. D. 1557) under title of "An Act Providing for an Additional Assistant Attorney General and Directing Review of General Statutes of Towns" 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 and the Bill read twice.

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

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO S. P. 596, L. D. 1557, Bill "An Act Providing for an Additional Assistant Attorney General and Directing Review of General Statutes of Towns."

Amend said Bill by striking out the Title and inserting in place thereof the following Title: 'An Act Directing Review of General Statutes of Towns.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 1 thereof.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the last sentence of section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: 'For this purpose the Attorney General may employ such technical and clerical assistance as he may find necessary.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering section 2, 3 and 4 to be sections 1, 2 and 3.

House Amendment "A" was adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Hospitalization of the Mentally Ill" (S. P. 551) (L. D. 1489) on which the House voted to adhere to its former action whereby the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater, the House voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

The Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. FINEMORE of Bridgewater

MALENFANT of Lewiston
CURTIS of Bowdoinham

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Granting a Pension to Katharine M. Rolfe of Bridgton (H. P. 388) (L. D. 1509) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 29.

Came from the Senate with the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn had to leave unexpectedly today and requested me that if this should come in in the condition that it did that I insist for him and ask for a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Charles, moves that the House insist and request a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

To the Committee of Conference, the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House: Messrs. CHARLES of Portland

WALSH of Brunswick

PALMETER

of Meddybemps

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve in favor of Helen M. Madson of Portland (H. P. 1171) (L. D. 1406) which was finally passed in the House on April 14, and passed to be engrossed on April 7.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There are times when it is almost hard to contain oneself. This resolve was entered in this House by unanimous consent. I appeared before the committee and was told that there were many questions about this resolve. It is not a pension. This lady had a good job. She was injured in pursuit of her duties and was completely blinded and this resolve costing

the State \$558 would make it possible to increase her Workmen's Compensation from \$24 a week to \$27 a week.

I thought it would be good for you people to know that and realize what a tough situation this lady is in and yet this resolve had a unanimous report of the committee as "Ought to pass", went through the House and Senate and came up to the enactment stage and then it was indefinitely postponed.

I move that we insist on our former action and ask for a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, moves that the House insist and request a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. FULLER of South Portland

SHAW of Bingham

Miss CORMIER of Rumford

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Fifteen Million Dollars on Behalf of the State for the Purpose of Building State Highways" (S. P. 263) (L. D. 691) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on May 18.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

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

Senate Report of Committee Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Appropriating Funds to Purchase Land for State House Parking Facilities (S. P. 293) (L. D. 803)

Came from the Senate with the Resolve substituted for the Report and indefinitely postponed.

In the House: Report was read. On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, the Report and Resolve were indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Is there any further business to bring before the House at this time?

The Clerk will read any notices that he has. The Chair is informed that the Clerk has no notices.

Mr. Dumais of Lewiston was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. DUMAIS: Mr. Speaker, it gives me pleasure to get up here tonight and I would like to congratulate some people whom I have had contact with in the past two years, running back and forth on my bonus petition and getting a little legal advice to stay on the right side of the fence. In so doing, when the office of the Clerk was closed and I wanted to get this thing right I used to run into Mr. Slosberg's office and I think that we have gone around here and we have given bouquets to probably everybody and I feel that his staff and himself have done a very, very good job. They have helped us in hundreds of different ways. I believe

that I am not the only one. I believe that the freshmen here probably have enjoyed it as much as I did my first year that I was here. And I want to assure each and every one of you that they sure deserve all of the praise that we can give them. I do not know of any words that I could say to make it any higher but they have done an excellent job and I think that they should be given a great big hand. Thank you. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: Is there any other business to bring before the House at this time?

The Chair would state that it seems apparent that the Legislature will definitely adjourn tomorrow at a reasonably good hour. That could be altered but it seems so.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland,

Adjourned until tomorrow at eight-thirty o'clock in the morning, Eastern Standard Time.