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SENATE

Friday, March 13, 1959

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Alice T. Hart of Hallowell.

On motion by Mr. Thurston of Oxford, Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Order

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 17th, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 425)

Which was read and passed.

Papers From the House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Training of Firemen." (S. P. 131) (L. D. 326)

In Senate on February 3, referred to the Committee on Education.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses." (S. P. 184) (L. D. 427)

In Senate on February 24, passed to be engrossed.

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A (Filing 65) in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, that body voted to recede and concur.

Bill, "An Act Repealing the Bounty on Porcupine." (H. P. 809) (L. D. 1164)

In Senate on March 11, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that body insisting upon its former action whereby the bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

"Resolve Opening Cross Lake, Aroostook County, to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 113) (L. D. 168)

The Senate on January 29 accepted in non-concurrence the Majority Report (Ought not to pass) from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Comes from the House, that body insisting upon its former action whereby it accepted the Minority Report (Ought to pass) and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A (Filing 60)

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hillman of Penobscot, the bill was laid upon the table pending consideration.

Bill, "An Act to Create a Parking Commission for City of Lewiston." (H. P. 843) (L. D. 1206)

Bill, "An Act Revising Election Provisions in Charter of City of Lewiston." (H. P. 844) (L. D. 1207)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Members of Planning Board of City of Belfast." (H. P. 845) (L. D. 1208)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the Topsham Sewer District." (H. P. 846) (L. D. 1209)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Providing for Appointment of Commissioner of Education by the Governor and Council." (H. P. 847) (L. D. 1210)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution for Appointment of Treasurer of State by the Governor with Consent of the Council." (H. P. 848) (L. D. 1211)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Annual Legislative Sessions." (H. P. 849) (L. D. 1212)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Council and Make Changes in the Matter of Gubernatorial Appointments and Their Confirmation." (H. P. 850) (L. D. 1213)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Authorize Issuance of Bonds in the amount of Twenty Two Million Dollars for Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean Campaign

and Providing Revenue Therefor." (H. P. 851) (L. D. 1214)

Which was referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Legal Affairs jointly in concurrence.

House Committee Reports Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Relating to Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies." (H. P. 166) (L. D. 240) reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Application of Splash Guard Law for Certain Trucks." (H. P. 622) (L. D. 890) reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Opening Hancock Pond, Oxford and Cumberland Counties to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 493) (L. D. 706) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Comes from the House, Recommended to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the Senate, the resolve was recommended in concurrence.

The same Committee on "Resolve Opening Sand Pond, Oxford County to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 494) (L. 707) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Comes from the House, Recommended to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the Senate, the resolve was recommended in concurrence.

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Jarvis Hanson of New Brunswick, Canada." (H. P. 484) reported that the same Ought not to pass as it is Covered by Other Legislation.

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Vital E. Violette of Van Buren." (H. P. 486) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Clarence Ricker of Clinton." (H. P. 535) (L. D. 770) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve to Reimburse Mrs. George Dumond of New Canada Plantation for Beaver Damage." (H. P. 537) (L. D. 772) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Exhibiting Hunting Licenses on Request." (H. P. 193) (L. D. 285) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Increasing Bounty on Bobcat in Certain Counties." (H. P. 545) (L. D. 780) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Hunting by Archery Licensees." (H. P. 546) (L. D. 781) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Field Trials for Beagle Hounds." (H. P. 582) (L. D. 829) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Special Dog Training Areas." (H. P. 607) (L. D. 867) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Crosby Pond, Franklin County." (H. P. 553) (L. D. 788) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Non-resident Motor Vehicle Privileges." (H. P. 332) (L. D. 479) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Gross Weight Under Motor Vehicle Law." (H. P. 621) (L. D. 889) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Bass Fishing in Sebago Lake, Cumberland County." (H. P. 288) (L. D. 435) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Residence of Judge of Eastport Municipal Court." (H. P. 395) (L. D. 578) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Welfare on Bill, "An Act Relating to Residence Re-

quirements in Public Assistance.” (H. P. 577) (L. D. 810) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass — as amended

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, “An Act Relating to Dragging for Scallops in Bagaduce River and Bay in Hancock County.” (H. P. 365) (L. D. 524) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing 30)

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill read once. Committee Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Communication

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF SECRETARY
OF SENATE

March 13, 1959

To the Members of the Senate
99th Legislature

The following Acts were not transmitted to the Governor on March 12th, they having been held by request for one Legislative Day for further consideration:

An Act Relating to Investment of Certain State Funds. (H. P. 407) (L. D. 591)

An Act Relating to Annual Statements of Condition of Domestic Mutual Fire Insurance Companies. (H. P. 534) (L. D. 769)

An Act Relating to Annual Statements of Condition of Foreign Insurance Companies. (H. P. 532) (L. D. 767)

Respectfully,
CHESTER T. WINSLOW
Secretary of the Senate

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Senate Papers

The following bills were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research, pursuant to Joint Order (S. P. 47)

Agriculture

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented Bill, “An Act Relating to Definition of Misbranded Food.” (S. P. 426)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

State Government

Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook presented Bill, “An Act Conferring Upon Others the Powers Now Vested in the Executive Council.” (S. P. 427)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to enter in ‘Appendix “A” of the Senate Journal, which shall be a part of the Journal, the information contained in the communications from the Secretary of State required by Section 20 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes; also appointments made by the President when the Legislature is not in session.

Which was read and passed.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to Newell Tomah, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, and to John Nelson, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100 each), as balance due on compensation. (S. P. 429)

Which was read and passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate Committee Reports
Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Woodcock from the Committee on Election Laws on Bill, “An Act Relating to Physical Incapacity Voting.” (S. P. 34) (L. D. 32) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw as Covered by Other Legislation.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on "Resolve Accepting for the State the Homestead of the Late Owen C. Mann, in Farmington, Maine." (S. P. 338) (L. D. 914) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Changing the Date of Municipal Election in City of Saco." (S. P. 317) (L. D. 879) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Vacancies in City Council of City of Rockland." (S. P. 337) (L. D. 913) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass — N.D.

Mr. Woodcock from the Committee on Election Laws on Bill, "An Act Relating to Absent Voting." (S. P. 33) (L. D. 31) reported same in New Draft (S. P. 428) (L. D. 1243) under same title, and that it Ought to pass.

Mr. WOODCOCK of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate: Before I make the motion that the report "Ought to pass in New Draft" be accepted, I would like to draw your attention to L. D. 1243 which appears on the last page of your second legislative document volume. I think that we have an important piece of legislation here. To my mind and in the mind of the committee it is a wonderfully progressive step, because hereafter, if this goes through the House and the Senate and is signed by the Governor and becomes law, you will no longer, when you come to physical incapacity ballots, have to go around through your respective communities and get a doctor to testify in writing to the effect that you as an applicant are in fact physically incapacitated. All you will have to do is just take an oath saying that

you are, in your own mind, unable to go to the polls for reasons of physical incapacity. After all, who knows better how you do feel at that time than you yourself as an applicant? It would bring it into line with the way we do now on the absentee ballot. As you know, anyone can swear that he is going to be out of town on a primary or general election day, and whether or not he is nobody else will know perhaps. I will simply take my chance on the honor of any individual who thinks he is not well enough to go to the polls and wishes to apply for a physical incapacity ballot in this fashion. It is going to make it a lot easier to get some of these people who are not feeling so well to the polls and also relieve the doctors in the State from the burden, although that is not the idea of it. Also in the last section, Section 9, the law is amended so that these ballots have to be in before the polls close for communities of less than ten thousand and for communities of more than ten thousand before four o'clock on election day. The differential there comes from the fact that in the larger communities you have to have more than one polling place, and therefore the town clerk would have to scoot around and be in the same place at the same time on two different occasions, which of course he cannot do. That explains the difference in these two hourly arrangements.

I move you, Mr. President, that the "Ought to pass in New Draft" report of the committee be accepted.

Mr. BATES of Penobscot: Mr. President, I am happy to support the words of my colleague from Penobscot, Senator Woodcock and to add one or two more words to that.

It will take a responsibility away from the physicians of the State which they do not wish to shirk but which they feel has been an unnecessary burden. Further, I might point out to you that there are all too many places in the State of Maine which are not adequately covered by physicians, which makes it that much more difficult for anyone to vote under the form now in existence.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion

of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Woodcock, that the ought to pass in new draft report of the committee be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the Senate.

The motion prevailed, the report of the committee was accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following Bills and Resolve:

House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Qualifications for Examination for Registered Pharmacists." (H. P. 215) (L. D. 306)

(On motion by Mr. Willey of Hancock, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Free Vaccination and Inoculation." (H. P. 313) (L. D. 460)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Disposition of Income on Unclaimed Deposits in Defunct Savings Banks." (H. P. 344) (L. D. 504)

Bill, "An Act Prohibiting the Use of X-ray Shoe-fitting Machines." (H. P. 360) (L. D. 519)

Bill, "An Act Authorizing Perry Improvement Association to Construct Dam Across Little River." (H. P. 402) (L. D. 586)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Retail Installment Contract Under Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law." (H. P. 430) (L. D. 698)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Regulations of Insurance Commissioner Under Unfair Methods of Competition and Trade Practices Act." (H. P. 603) (L. D. 863)

"Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Institutional Service to Grant Pole Line Easements on the Property of the State of Maine in Bangor." (H. P. 446) (L. D. 652)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

House — as amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Town Meetings of Sanford." (H. P. 12) (L. D. 21)

(On motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, tabled pending second reading.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Quinellas at Harness Race Meets." (H. P. 70) (L. D. 108)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Hydraulic Brake Fluid for Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 73) (L. D. 111)

Bill, "An Act Appropriating Monies for a Continuance of the Revision of the Election Laws." (H. P. 129) (L. D. 187)

Bill, "An Act Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Convey Interest of the State in Chase Island." (H. P. 250) (L. D. 361)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Weekly Payment of State Officials With Annual Salaries." (H. P. 408) (L. D. 592)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Unfair Methods of Competition and Trade Practices." (H. P. 602) (L. D. 862)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Dealers in Livestock." (S. P. 304) (L. D. 850)

Bill, "An Act Relating to State Stipend on Breeding Classes of Male Animals." (S. P. 305) (L. D. 851)

Bill, "An Act Revising Law Relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration." (S. P. 343) (L. D. 919)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate — as amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Health Requirements of Exhibited Livestock." (S. P. 303) (L. D. 849)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the R. and T. Cement Railroad Company." (S. P. 309) (L. D. 855)

(On motion by Mr. Stiphen of Knox, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair notes in the Senate Chamber the presence of a very distinguished citizen of the State of Maine and the Chair is happy to welcome him to the Senate this afternoon and will ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum the Hon. Currier Holman of Farmington. (Applause, members rising.)

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, the following bills and resolves:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Rest Periods for Female Employees." (H. P. 162) (L. D. 238)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Unfair Wage Agreements." (H. P. 298) (L. D. 445)

Bill, "An Act Eliminating Necessity for Sheriff's Apartment in Cumberland County Jail." (S. P. 358) (L. D. 1041)

Which were severally passed to be enacted.

"Resolve to Repeal Certain Special Resolve Pensions." (H. P. 594) (L. D. 840)

Which Resolve was finally passed.

The following resolves were laid upon the Special Appropriations table, on motion by Mr. Pierce of Hancock:

"Resolve Providing Retirement Benefit Increase for Miles McLaughlin of Augusta." (S. P. 235) (L. D. 618)

"Resolve Providing Retirement Benefit Increase for George P. Campbell of Augusta." (S. P. 236) (L. D. 619)

"Resolve Providing Retirement Benefit Increase for Helen D. Perry of Rockland." (S. P. 294) (L. D. 818)

"Resolve Providing for Retirement Benefit Increase for Mary E. C. Bridgham of Jonesboro." (S. P. 295) (L. D. 819)

"Resolve Providing Retirement Benefit Increase for Carrie M. Longfellow of Machias." (S. P. 296) (L. D. 820)

Emergency

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Eastport, Perry, Pembroke and Dennysville to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 518) (L. D. 753)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 25 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Emergency

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Codyville Plantation, Danforth, No. 21 Plantation,

Princeton, Talmadge, Vanceboro, Waite and Weston to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 520) (L. D. 755)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 25 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Emergency

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the South Berwick Water District." (H. P. 781) (L. D. 1040)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 25 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President, may I inquire if L. D. 591 is in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that it is, having been held at the request of the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby it passed to be enacted bill, "An Act Relating to Investment of Certain State Funds." (H. P. 407) (L. D. 591); and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. MARTIN of Kennebec: Mr. President, I would inquire if (H. P. 423) (L. D. 607) bill, "An Act Amending Charter of the City of Biddeford" is in the possession of the Senate?"

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would state that the bill is in the possession of the Senate, having been held at the request of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Martin.

Mr. MARTIN of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate: After a few remarks I shall move that we reconsider our action of yesterday.

I realize that I should have made these remarks yesterday and I apologize to the Senate for any state of confusion that it may find itself in.

First let me say I was not at the hearing on this bill, although I understand this matter received a great deal of discussion in executive session, and, as a matter of fact, this new draft of the committee was a compromise that was tried to be worked out to please all.

Secondly, let me say that everyone wants the bill as such, the only fight apparently being made is upon the emergency clause which the committee put on the bill. The bill is simply one to authorize the City of Biddeford to in effect raise its valuation up to five million dollars, which is perfectly justified and the facts sustain it.

Thirdly, let me state that the committee realizes this is a local problem, one dealing with schools; but I would point out to the Senate that the committee bill or the redraft does not force the City of Biddeford to do one thing; it does not force them to build new schools upon the passage of the bill. It simply authorizes the City of Biddeford to build a school if it so desires.

Now as I understand it from the committee members, about five years ago a referendum was held in the City of Biddeford to decide whether they wanted a new school. That passed. Subsequent to that a great deal of money and effort was spent in planning the schools to be built. Today, as I understand it, no schools have been built.

I again would like to point out to this Senate that the committee realizes this is a local problem, that of building schools. If this bill told the City of Biddeford they had to build schools, I would hope that you would listen to the good Senator from York, Senator Farley, on his advice from that angle, but this bill does not say that; it simply gives the City of Biddeford the right to do it if they want to. The issue will be decided in the City of Biddeford where it should be. By putting the emergency clause on it it simply allows the city to decide it at an earlier date. This was a unanimous committee report "Ought to pass," and, Mr. President, I now move that we reconsider our action whereby yesterday we substituted the bill for the committee report.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion

of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Martin, that the Senate reconsider its action of yesterday whereby the bill was substituted for the report.

A viva voce vote being had, the motion prevailed; the ought to pass in new draft report of the committee was accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, "An Act Relating to Approval of Summer Schools." (H. P. 283) (L. D. 430) tabled by that Senator on March 11 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Farley of York, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report from the Committee on Judiciary "Ought to Pass" on bill, "An Act Increasing Payments to York County Law Library." (H. P. 39) (L. D. 59) tabled by that Senator on February 4 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report was accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Bates of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report from the Committee on Education "Ought to pass" on bill, "An Act to Regulate Privately Owned Correspondence Schools." (H. P. 284) (L. D. 431) tabled by that Senator on March 10 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report was accepted and the bill read once.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

Which amendment was read by the Secretary.

Thereupon, the amendment was adopted and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Charles of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. CHARLES of Cumberland:

Mr. President, and Members of the Senate:

Last night, as you all know, was a bad night to be traveling, because of the blizzard. However, the blizzard had one advantage in my favor in that it kept my wife and I in Augusta to enjoy one of the finest moving picture spectacles we have witnessed for some time. We visited the Colonial Theatre for the Sneak Prevue and World Premiere of "It Happened to Jane" (taken from the book "Jane from Maine") (I regret that I do not have the name of the author for the moment) starring Doris Day, Jack Lemmon, Ernie Kovaks and several excellent supporting performers.

The film speaks very well for the State of Maine; it's democracy type of government, supremacy of small town initiative in the preservation of free enterprise and private rights, and a graphic example of the demonstration of the biblical story of David and Goliath in proving that the opinions of small people are not always swamped by high pressure groups or individuals.

In viewing this film yourself, you will experience the emotions of love and devotion and to what extent one can succeed in reaching his or her goal in spite of adverse conditions and overwhelming opposition. I trust that other members of our Senate and their families will find the opportunity to witness this same performance in the very near future. This is truly a credit to the State of Maine and the Nation.

Patrons were requested to submit frank comments on this picture, so I would like, at this time, to submit my remarks in fulfillment of that request.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair thanks the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Charles.

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. WOODCOCK of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, in view of the fact that the stop-order on the introduction of bills and resolves went into effect some fifty minutes ago, I would like to offer to you a brief report of the standing of the legislature so far as it pertains to the introduction of bills and resolves and also as to the reports of committees.

If my computations are correct it appears that the bills and resolves other than those introduced by unanimous consent will be in number some 220 fewer than the number of those introduced two years ago in the 98th session of the legislature. At one o'clock today we had 1254 public acts and resolves introduced as against 1474 two years ago. That does not include redrafts that come from committees and miscellaneous items that will come in to raise the total. So far as reports of committees are concerned, I think we show a very good figure there as compared with two years ago because at the end of the 10th legislative week in 1957 we had some 349 reports of committees out. Today we have 446 reports of committees before the House and Senate, which is a net gain of 97 over two years ago and I certainly think that these figures speak very well for the expedition with which the legislature has carried out its functions.

Thank you.

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot

Adjourned until Tuesday next at ten o'clock in the morning.