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SENATE

Tuesday, April 21, 1959

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Royal Brown of Gardiner.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, Journal of last Friday read and approved.

Orders

(Out of Order)

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED that the grandson of Senator Hazel T. Lord of Cumberland, John Scott Lord, be permitted to act as assistant page during the remainder of this session.

Which was read and passed, and John Scott Lord was escorted to his position by the Sergeant-at-Arms. (Applause, members rising.)

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED that the son of Senator Murray Thurston of Oxford, David Paul Thurston, be permitted to act as assistant page during the remainder of this session.

Which was read and passed, and David Paul Thurston was escorted to his position by the Sergeant-at-Arms. (Applause, members rising.)

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to welcome this morning the 7th and 8th grades from Wiscasset, accompanied by their teachers Mrs. Barton and Mrs. Leadbetter. On behalf of the Maine Senate, a very cordial welcome to you. We trust that you will enjoy your day and profit by it educationally and otherwise. A real hearty welcome to all of you young people here this morning.

The Chair would also like to recognize in the Senate Chamber a former distinguished member of this Body. Because of his physical condition, it probably would not be fair to ask the Honorable James Reid up to the rostrum but I am sure that we would all like to stand and give him a rousing welcome this morning.

(Applause, members rising.)

Papers from the House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Type of Lights on School Buses." (H. P. 330) (L. D. 477)

In Senate on April 7, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 100) in concurrence.

Comes from the House, Indefinitely Postponed.

In the Senate:

Mr. COLE of Waldo: Mr. President, I move that the Senate recede and concur.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Charles of Cumberland, the bill was laid upon the table pending motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo to recede and concur; and was especially assigned for later in today's session.

Bill, "An Act Changing the Date of Labor Day to the Second Monday in September." (S. P. 74) (L. D. 124)

In Senate on April 15, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A (Filing No. 198).

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A as amended by House Amendment A (Filing No. 215) thereto.

In the Senate, House Amendment A to Senate Amendment A was read and the Senate voted to recede and concur with the House.

House Committee Reports**Leave to Withdraw**

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act Providing for a State Tuberculosis and Chronic Diseases Annex to Arthur R. Gould Memorial Hospital in Presque Isle." (H. P. 128) (L. D. 186) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing for a State Tuberculosis Annex to Cary Memorial Hospital in Caribou." (H. P. 461) (L. D. 679) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing for a State Tuberculosis Annex to Madigan Memorial Hospital in Houlton." (H. P. 600) (L. D. 860) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Is-

suance of Bonds in the Amount of Thirteen Million Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways." (H. P. 189) (L. D. 281) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act Providing Revenues for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics." (H. P. 269) (L. D. 401) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Appropriating Money for Mosquito and Fly Control." (H. P. 579) (L. D. 826) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Providing for a Maine Historical Quarterly." (H. P. 680) (L. D. 980) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Boilers and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels." (H. P. 69) (L. D. 107) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Fees of Attorneys." (H. P. 812) (L. D. 1150) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

In House, recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the Senate, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Relating to Standards of Quality in Egg Grading Law." (H. P. 527) (L. D. 762) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across the Passagassawaukeag River." (H. P. 146) (L. D. 202) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulat-

ing Fishing in Wadleigh Pond, Piscataquis County." (H. P. 199) (L. D. 291) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Horne Pond, Limington, York County." (H. P. 584) (L. D. 831) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Part of West Branch of Penobscot River, Piscataquis County." (H. P. 585) (L. D. 832) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Closing Second Great Brook Lake, Washington County to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 831) (L. D. 1182) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Increasing Borrowing Capacity of Ashland Water and Sewer District." (H. P. 836) (L. D. 1187) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the Topsham Sewer District." (H. P. 846) (L. D. 1209) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Taxation of Household Furniture." (H. P. 449) (L. D. 655) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Use of Power Boats in Hunting Waterfowl." (H. P. 715) (L. D. 1020) reported that the same Ought to pass.

In House report accepted and bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A (Filing No. 214)

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill read once; House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass — N.D.

The Committee on Public Health on Bill, "An Act Relating to Per-

mit Before Examination for Applicant to Practice Barbering." (H. P. 314) (L. D. 461) reported same in New Draft (H. P. 927) (L. D. 1309) under Same Title, and that it Ought to pass.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Permitting Municipalities to Appropriate Moneys to Aid Conventions." (H. P. 702) (L. D. 1002) reported same in New Draft (H. P. 925) (L. D. 1307) under Same Title, and that it Ought to pass.

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

Ought to Pass — as amended

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Permitting Ice Fishing in Certain Ponds in Androscoggin and Kennebec Counties." (H. P. 550) (L. D. 785) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 202)

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act to Create a Parking Commission for City of Lewiston." (H. P. 843) (L. D. 1206) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 204)

(Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once. On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, the bill was tabled pending assignment for second reading.)

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Relating to Rental of Northern Cumberland Municipal Court." (H. P. 17) (L. D. 26) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 203)

Which reports were s e v e r a l l y read and accepted in concurrence and the bills and resolve read once. Committee Amendments A were read and adopted, and the bills and resolve as so amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to welcome to the Senate Chamber twelve members of the Girl Scouts of Troop 5 in Thomaston, accompanied

by their leaders, Mrs. Joseph Richard, Mrs. Clayton Staples and Mrs. Leroy Whitten.

It is indeed a pleasure on behalf of the members of the Maine Senate, to welcome you young ladies and girl scouts this morning. We trust that you will have an educational and profitable day here in the State Capitol. A cordial welcome from everyone here in the State Senate.

The Committee on Highways on recommitted Bill, "An Act Permitting Ferry Service for Long Island Plantation." (H. P. 55) (L. D. 77) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 99)

In House, report accepted, Committee Amendment A Indefinitely Postponed, and bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A (Filing 189)

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in non-concurrence; House Amendment A was read.

On motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending adoption of House Amendment A.

Majority — ONTP
Minority — OTP

The Majority of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Opening Portage Lake, Aroostook County, to Ice Fishing for Smelts." (H. P. 875) (L. D. 1249) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

BRIGGS of Aroostook
HILLMAN of Penobscot
CARPENTER of Somerset

Representatives:

MOORE of Casco
DODGE of Guilford
WHEATON of Princeton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the resolve Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Representatives:

DUDLEY of Enfield
CARVILLE of Eustis

MONROE of Monroe
HARRIS of Greenville

In House, Minority Report accepted and resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication

State of Maine
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Office of the Clerk
Augusta

April 17, 1959

Honorable Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate
99th Legislature

Sir:

The Speaker of the House today appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House on the disagreeing action of the Two Branches of the Legislature on: "Resolve, in Favor of Grand Falls Hospital, Grand Falls, New Brunswick." (H. P. 483) (L. D. 701)

Messrs. HUGHES of St. Albans
JOHNSON of Stockholm
CURTIS of Bowdoinham

Respectfully,

(Signed) HARVEY R. PEASE
Clerk of the House

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Senate Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Survivorship in Joint Bank Accounts." (S. P. 412) (L. D. 1196) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass — N.D.

Mr. Lessard from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Common Trust Funds for Hospitals." (S. P. 376) (L. D. 1103) reported same in New Draft (S. P. 462) (L. D. 1315) under New Title: "An Act Relating to Investment of Certain Charitable Trust Funds." and that it Ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill in New Draft read

once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass — as amended

Mr. Parker from the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Outdoor Advertising Devices on the Interstate System." (S. P. 401) (L. D. 1169) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

(On motion by Mr. Parker of Piscataquis, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Noyes from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the East Boothbay Water District." (S. P. 319) (L. D. 881) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on "Resolve Opening Waters in Lincoln County to Taking of Salt Water Smelts." (S. P. 311) (L. D. 857) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which reports were severally read and accepted and the bills and resolve read once. Committee Amendments A were read and adopted, and the bills and resolve as so amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Majority — ONTP
Minority — OTP

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Increasing Consumer Membership on Maine Milk Commission." (S. P. 312) (L. D. 858) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)
Senators:

ROSS of Sagadahoc
HILLMAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

WADE of Auburn
SANBORN of Gorham
SMITH of Exeter
DENNETT of Kittery

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the bill Ought to pass.

(Signed)
Senator

LESSARD of Androscoggin

Representatives:**PLANTE**

of Old Orchard Beach
BARNETT of Augusta
COYNE of Waterville

Mr. HILLMAN of Penobscot: Mr. President, due to the absence of the sponsor of this bill, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator St. Pierre, I move that it lie on the table pending acceptance of either report.

The motion to table prevailed.

Second Readers

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

House

Bill, "An Act to Clarify Appointments under Charter of City of Augusta." (H. P. 760) (L. D. 1099)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Hours, Vacations and Sick Pay for County Personnel." (H. P. 922) (L. D. 1304)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Municipal Records." (H. P. 923) (L. D. 1305)

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

House — as amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Suspension of Motor Vehicle Licenses for Speeding." (H. P. 292) (L. D. 439)

Bill, "An Act Providing Subsidy to Driver Education." (H. P. 872) (L. D. 1246)

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

"Resolve in Favor of Ray Thompson of Prentiss." (H. P. 683) (L. D. 983)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in Favor of A. R. Palmer of Litchfield." (H. P. 634) (L. D. 926)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence.

(The Senate Indefinitely Postponed House Amendment A, Filing No. 183, to Committee Amendment A, Filing No. 175)

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Amounts for State Scholarships for Normal Schools and Teachers' Colleges." (S. P. 148) (L. D. 369)

Bill, "An Act Permitting the Town of Freeport to Provide Educational Scholarships." (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1311)

Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961." (S. P. 461) (L. D. 1313)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Permit Voting by Civilians Residing on Federal Property." (S. P. 71) (L. D. 121)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate — as amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Employment of Teachers." (S. P. 110) (L. D. 260)

Bill, "An Act Providing for Forest Rehabilitation." (S. P. 127) (L. D. 322)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Lands Needed by the State." (S. P. 280) (L. D. 742)

Bill, "An Act to Create the Washington County Development Authority." (S. P. 417) (L. D. 1201)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Notification by Secretary of State in Motor Vehicle Cases." (H. P. 350) (L. D. 509)

Bill, "An Act to Create a Law Revision Commission." (H. P. 644) (L. D. 935)

(On motion by Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook, the bill was placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Certain Lights Along Highways." (H. P. 914) (L. D. 1290)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Waiver of Indictment." (S. P. 413) (L. D. 1197)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Spirituous Liquor in Class A Restaurants." (S. P. 445) (L. D. 1295)

(On motion by Mr. Parker of Piscataquis, tabled pending enactment, and especially assigned for later in today's session.)

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and especially assigned matter being House Report from the Committee on Taxation: "Ought to pass as amended with Committee Amendment A" on bill, "An Act Defining Cigarettes Under the Cigarette Tax Law." (H. P. 222) (L. D. 313); and on motion by Mr. Willey of Hancock, the bill was retabled pending acceptance of the committee report.

Mr. MARTIN of Kennebec: Mr. President, I would like to inquire if the Senate has in its possession L. D. 1186, bill, "An Act Relating to Steam Engineers and Firemen?"

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would state that it has, the bill having been held at the request of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Martin.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report on this bill; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitteed to the Committee on Legal Affairs and sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Parker of Piscataquis, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Spirituous Liquor in Class A Restaurants." (S. P. 445) (L. D. 1295) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. PARKER of Piscataquis: Mr. President and members of the Senate, several days ago after this bill was in this Body, I noticed a press release that stated that the

Restaurant Liquor Bill received unanimous approval in the Senate.

This cannot be said today because I am going to oppose its passage and I feel sure that there are others of the same mind here. It has been a shock to me that the Maine Legislature could even consider passing such a bill. It provides the go-ahead signal for establishing as many as 500 new hard liquor outlets.

A Bangor man protesting against the bill said, "In my opinion, there should be some clean respectable restaurants where people can dine without having to see drinking. This thing should be squelched before it rears its ugly head before the voting public." At first it was "if they could have 3 per cent beer." Now where is it leading to?

Another writes: "If this letter is too late to be of any value to you to oppose the issue, would it be of any value to write the Governor?" The Executive Secretary of the Northeast District YMCA writes: "Drinking is like driving. The young folk will follow the leadership of adults. Have we as adults no regard for our youth who will be the leaders of tomorrow?"

You and I can remember when drinking in high schools was unknown, but today it is becoming a problem. Do we want to increase that problem by encouraging teenage drinking? You say, "But they cannot buy liquor until they are twenty-one." Maybe not, but although that's what the law says, they do get it. Do you want to have more hard liquor outlets where they can see so-called respectable people drinking moderately and so indicating to them that it is the respectable thing to do?

France had wine available to children until society in that country was demoralized. Today we in the USA are drinking more per capita than France did at the height of her drinking. Today France is attempting to curtail the drinking which has been so disastrous to that nation. How long must it be before we take the hint and try to curb rather than to expand this dangerous traffic? It is reported that France has 200,000 teenage alcoholics. We have a rehabilitation program in our state which

costs us money. We need a larger and more effective program which would cost much more. The problem of alcoholism will increase with the expansion of the sale of liquor. Shall we open this new door?

Another friend writes "Our family will seek out the restaurant that does not sell liquor. . . and we know of hundreds of other families who do not want the air polluted with the odor of liquor."

We are concerned about this bill because of the safety angle. The former head of the Maine Good Roads Association said, "If you vote for this bill you are signing the death warrant for some unknown motorist."

The National Safety Council says "Coffee or other stimulants will not offset the effects of alcohol." According to the American Medical Association two cocktails may reduce your visual keenness as much as if you were wearing dark glasses at night." The National Safety Council also says "As a group, social drinkers can be a greater problem than obvious drunks." Why? "There are more social drinkers and they are harder to detect."

Many of these places which want to sell hard liquor are on our highways where people must drive after eating and drinking. Let's not forget that our vote for this bill can mean a disgraceful increase in fatalities on our highways. We are deeply concerned now about our high accident rate. Do we want by our vote for this bill to increase it? We surely will if we pass it.

We are concerned about crime in this wonderful state of ours. Alex LeFleur when he was Attorney General said that of 154 murder cases that he handled during his term of office, 153 of them had liquor as a factor in the crime. Municipal judges have said that 90 per cent of the cases coming into their courts have been brought there directly or indirectly by liquor. Crime costs in our state are increasing. Do we want to be responsible for helping to increase them still further? Do we want to increase this possibility by passing this bill?

Our costs of maintenance of jails and prisons are increasing. Our penal institutions are packed to the doors and from 50 per cent in States Prison to as high as 90 per cent in local and county jails are there because of liquor. Our mental institutions are overcrowded and the heads of these institutions are agreed that at least 10 per cent of the cases are there because of liquor.

Aid to dependent children has increased to a startling degree and much of this aid is necessary only because of liquor.

When the United States repealed her prohibitory amendment which Maine quickly ratified, following with the repeal of our own Prohibition Amendment the cry was "We just want a place where liquor shall be sold legally. The saloon shall never come back." But gradually we are letting down the bars. First, 3.2 beer, then the liquor stores, then broadening this sale by permitting sale in chain grocery stores. Now another step is requested and I consider this the longest and most dangerous step of all because the effect on society will be more subtle — respectable drinking encouraging our young people to think of it as a respectable, yes, even a desirable one, for why otherwise should an august body like the Maine Senate promote it? If we wish to increase drinking among youth, drinking driving, with resulting highway accidents, increased delinquency and crime, then we should vote for this bill. If we, on the other hand want to hold the line, then let us kill this bill.

Hundreds in the past week have begged, by letters and telegrams, that their Representatives vote against it. The fine people of Maine are protesting and look to us to protect them from this new increase in liquor outlets. Are we going to listen to these protests from the cleanest, finest people of our state or shall we cater to the restaurant owners who last week were breathing down the necks of members of the other Branch to persuade them to pass this bill? We can show true statesmanship by killing this vicious measure. We have heard no great clamor for it

on the part of the voters of Maine. Let's show the people who are begging us to defeat this thing that we are concerned for the welfare of society in our state and that we refuse to go farther in letting down the bars to this dangerous traffic. Mr. President, I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. FOURNIER of York: Mr. President, I ask for a division on this matter.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Piscataquis, that the bill be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Six having voted in the affirmative and twenty-three opposed, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook, the bill was laid upon the Special Appropriations table pending final enactment.

Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. ROGERSON: Mr. President, I simply wanted to explain to the members that the reason I placed this on the table was because I have a memorandum from the Secretary of State's office which indicates that in the second year of the biennium the passage of this bill will incur an additional cost of three thousand dollars.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to welcome to the Senate Chamber in the gallery a group of Girl Scouts from Skowhegan, Maine, accompanied by Miss Ruth Brown, Mrs. Lea Fernald, Mrs. Francis Richards, Miss Carolee Gordon and Mrs. Vivian Knight, group leaders. We certainly welcome all of you young people here this morning, and I know that each and every Senator joins me in welcoming you here and will be glad to render you their assistance throughout the day. Thank you very much for being here this morning. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair on behalf of the Senate wants to thank young Mr. Lord and young Mr. Thurston for filling the positions of pages in the Maine

Senate this morning. I am sure that all of the members will join in a nice round of applause for these young men. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. MacDonald of Oxford, the Senate voted to take from the table the 62nd tabled matter, being Senate Report from the Committee on Taxation: "Ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act Relating to Inheritance Tax Exemptions for Husband or Wife." (S. P. 29) (L. D. 9) tabled by that Senator on April 14 pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. MacDONALD: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I introduced this bill near the first of the session and I would say that it came out of committee with a unanimous report of "Ought not to pass." It was my intention while it was in committee to offer an amendment to the bill, and I think I would like to rehearse this inheritance tax question before I go any further.

The inheritance tax was established in the State of Maine somewhere around 1909, and the husband and wife, or widower, if you want to say it that way, was granted an exemption of taxes in the sum of ten thousand dollars. Well, ten thousand dollars at that time — and I say ten thousand advisedly because that is the way I remember it, that it used to be collected through the probate court, and that is my recollection when I was Judge of Probate — ten thousand dollars at that time was a lot of money, but ten thousand dollars today in comparison with then is not a great lot of money.

I introduced a bill asking that the husband and wife have an exemption of \$25,000. I also did not want the State to lose any money on it, so I had an amendment drawn reducing that twenty-five thousand exemption to fifteen thousand. Then there is an amendment to the Class "C." Now Class "C" is persons who inherit property who had nothing to do with the earning of it and which is simply a windfall. So, with the fifteen thousand dollar exemption and the additional tax on the Class "C", from the report I have from the Tax Department through Mr.

Johnson the State will, when these amendments are in, have an increase in income of about three thousand dollars, or probably even more the way we are going today.

The committee, when they made the report, were thinking of twenty-five thousand dollars and they did not want to see the State lose any money. I do not want to see the State lose any money. So this is the reason for these changes. I thought it only proper for me to explain these amendments before I made the motion, and this is the reason for them. Therefore, I move that the bill be substituted for the report, and if that motion prevails I will then introduce the amendments. I think that the Senator from Hancock, Senator Willey, will agree with this, although I did not have an opportunity to talk with him to get a definite answer because someone came along; and the same with the Senator from York, Senator Fournier, who is also on the Taxation Committee.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the bill was substituted for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee and given its first reading.

Mr. MacDonald then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption. Senate Amendment "A" was read by the Secretary and adopted.

Mr. WILLEY of Hancock: Mr. President, I would like to retable this bill. I think that it is all right, but I would like to study it further.

The bill was thereupon tabled pending assignment for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the Senate voted to take from the table (H. P. 458) (L. D. 664) House Report, "Ought not to pass" from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Single Axle-Weight Tolerance for Motor Vehicles Carrying Bulk Wood Flour," which was tabled by that Senator on April 7th pending acceptance of report. (In House Report Accepted)

Mr. COLE: Mr. President, the committee was unanimous in reporting this bill out "Ought not to pass" due to the fact that the bill asks for a 118 per cent tolerance

and, as most of you know, our axle weight in the State of Maine is 22,000 pounds.

There was some support for this measure because of a new industry that is going into the manufacture of bulk wood flour. However, I feel we already give up to two thousand pounds tolerance without any fine — that is in Section 111, Chapter 22 — and there are no other states in the union allowing more than 22,400 pounds, most of them having a maximum of 18,000 pounds, so you see that Maine now is in the highest category of any of the states. So the committee feels that although some parts of our industry in Maine have been granted a tolerance that this is asking more than we should allow that this time. Therefore, Mr. President, I move the pending question.

The motion prevailed and the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, "An Act Permitting Ferry Service for Long Island Plantation." (H. P. 55) (L. D. 77) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending adoption of House Amendment A.

On further motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby it adopted Committee Amendment A in non-concurrence; and further voted to indefinitely postpone Committee Amendment A in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill, as amended by House Amendment A was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Willey of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table the 13th tabled matter being, bill, "An Act Relating to Qualifications for Examination for Registered Pharmacists." (H. P. 215) (L. D. 306) tabled by that Senator on March 13 pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. WILLEY: Mr. President, I move the pending question.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President, due to the fact that I have had several calls on this bill, I would like to have it lie on the table until tomorrow.

The motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table pending motion by Mr. Willey that the bill be passed to be engrossed; and was especially assigned for tomorrow.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table the 57th tabled matter being Bill, "An Act Relating to Time of Enrollment of Voters." (H. P. 858) (L. D. 1226) tabled by that Senator on April 10 pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. WYMAN: Mr. President and members of the Senate: This bill as written would prohibit any enrollment of voters in towns on election day, and I have prepared an amendment which would provide that enrollment may be received by mail or otherwise on the day of the election if such enrollee votes by absent voting or by reason of physical incapacity. This has the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Elections. I therefore present Senate Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

Senate Amendment "A" was read and adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the Senate voted to take from the table the 59th tabled matter, bill, "An Act Relating to Taxation of Domestic Fowl." (S. P. 122) (L. D. 272) tabled by that Senator on April 10 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Charles of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, "An Act

Relating to Type of Lights on School Buses." (H. P. 330) (L. D. 477) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo to recede and concur; and that Senator moved the pending question.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to recede and concur in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

On motion by Mr. Charles of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table (S. P. 78) (L. D. 150) Senate Report "Ought not to pass" from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve, in Favor of Millionth Visitor, Inc." which was tabled by that Senator on April 17th pending acceptance of report.

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. President and members of the Senate: This bill, like all other good bills, has a lot of merit and it was aimed towards promoting the recreational and business facilities of our State. I have discussed this matter with members of the Appropriations Committee and the problem seems to be that we already have a promotional fund available with the Governor and Council which I believe is in the sum of \$10,000, and it is probably a good move on the part of the Appropriations Committee to direct us to go to that source for this particular fund which calls for \$1500, because it would be difficult for them to appropriate this as a special resolve. Therefore, if my interpretation is correct and if that is the reason that this bill came out "Ought not to pass" I would certainly move acceptance of the report.

The motion prevailed and the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Coffin of Cumberland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.