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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. George Perry of Hallowell.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, 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 Monday, April 27th, at four o'clock in the afternoon, (S. P. 469)

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERED, that Diana Foster and Gregory Foster, daughter and son of Senate Page Ruth Foster, be permitted to act as Assistant Pages for the remainder of the session.

Which was read and passed.

The President asked the Sergeantat-Arms to escort Diana and Gregery Foster to their positions. (Applause, members rising.)

Papers from the House

Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Excessive Noise from Mufflers on Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 417) (L. D. 601)

In Senate on April 15, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 172) in concurrence.

Comes from the House, passage to be engrossed reconsidered, House Amendment A adopted, and bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A and as amended by House Amendment A (Filing No. 243)

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be, and hereby is, directed to study the full scope of the Personnel Law, including the administration thereof; and be it further

ORDERED, that a report of such study, together with any recommendations to either amend the Personnel Law or to install a Civil Service Law for state employees, be submitted to the 100th Legislature. (H. P. 941)

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot, the Order was tabled pending passage.

House Committee Reports Legislation Inexpedient

The Committee on Labor on Bill, "An Act Relating to Unlawful Discrimination Against Race, Color, Age or Ancestry." (H. P. 160) (L. D. 254) reported Legislation Inexpedient at present time; recommended that subject matter be considered by Legislative Research Committee.

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot, tabled pending acceptance of the report.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Regional Television Films to Promote the Recreational Industry." (H. P. 339) (L. D. 499) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Development of Lone Mountain Jumping Hill, Oxford County." (H. P. 710) (L. D. 1015) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Revising Charter of the City of Lewiston." (H. P. 879) (L. D. 1253) reported that the same Ought Not to pass.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An act Relating to Sale of Liquor in Hotels." (H. P. 880) (L. D. 1254) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Welfare on Bill, "An Act Relating to Requisites for Old Age Assistance." (H. P. 52) (L. D. 72) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on recommitted Bill, "An Act Relating to Municipal Zoning Boards of Appeal." (H. P. 444) (L. D. 650) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

In House, report and bill Indefinitely Postponed.

In the Senate, the ought not to pass report was accepted.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Tolls on Bridge Across Jonesport Reach." (H. P. 190) (L. D. 282) reported that the same Ought to pass. (On motion by Mr. Parker, of

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

Ought to Pass - N.D.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Increasing Compensation of Aldermen of City of Lewiston." (H. P. 522) (L. D. 757) reported same in Nw Draft (H. P. 935) (L. D. 1321) under New Title: "An Act Increasing Compensation of Aldermen and Members of Various Boards of City of Lewiston." and that it Ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

Ought to Pass — as amended

The Committee on Legal Affairs on recommitted Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Charter of the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation." (H. P. 168) (L. D. 242) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 230).

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Wiscasset School District." (H. P. 918) (L. D. 1296) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 231).

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

The Committee on Natural Resources on Bill, "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Water Improvement Commission." (H. P. 561) (L. D. 794) reported that the same Ought to pass with Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 232).

In House, report accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A as amended by House Amendment A (Filing No. 250) thereto.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook, tabled pending acceptance of the report.

Majority — ONTP Minority — OTP

The Majority of the Committee on Labor on Bill, "An Act Relating to Disqualification of Benefits Under Employment Security Law." (H. P. 755) (L. D. 1073) reported that the same Ought not to pass. (Signed)

Senators:

BATES of Penobscot ROSS of Sagadahoc MacDONALD of Oxford

Representatives:

WINCHENPAW of Friendship HANCOCK of Nobleboro

HARDY of Hope TREWORGY of Orono KARKOS, of Lisbon

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the Bill Ought to pass. (Signed)

Representatives:

MILLER of Portland

LETOURNEAU of Sanford In the House, Recommitted to

Committee on Labor.

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

Majority — ONTP Minority — OTP — As Amended

The Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Elections and Board of Finance in the City of Lewiston." (H. P. 762) (L. D. 1080) reported that the same Ought not to pass. (Signed)

Senators:

MARTIN of Kennebec

CHARLES of Cumberland Representatives:

HUTCHINSON of Carthage COTE of Lewiston LINNELL of So. Portland BROWN of Cape Elizabeth GOOD of Sebago TRUMBULL of Fryeburg

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the Bill Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 247) (Signed)

Senator:

MacDONALD of Oxford Representative:

KELLAM of Portland

In House, Majority Report accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, the Majority report "Ought not to pass" was accepted in concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Pierce from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Advertising and Promoting Maine's Recreational Industry." (S. P. 163) (L. D. 374) reported that the same Ought not to pass — covered by other legislation.

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Requiring Uninsured Motorist Coverage in Liability Insurance Policies." (S. P. 70) (L. D. 120) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Lessard from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Administration on Estates of Persons Confined to Imprisonment for Life." (S. P. 335) (L. D. 911) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass - N. D.

Mr. Hillman from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Permitting Importation of Fireworks For Protection of Agricultural Crops." (S. P. 360) (L. D. 1043) reported same in New Draft (S. P. 470) (L. D. 1332) under same title, and that it Ought to pass.

Mr. Lewis from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Creating an Unfair Sales Act." (S. P. 179)(L. D. 482) reported same in New Draft (S. P. 471) (L. D. 1333) under New Title: "An Act Relating to Intent to Injure Under Unfair Sales Act." and that it Ought to pass.

Mr. Willey from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Liquor Laws." (S. P. 176) (L. D. 420) reported same in New Draft (S. P. 466) (L. D. 1930) under same Title, and that it Ought to pass.

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

Ought to Pass — Consolidated Bill

Mr. Hillman from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Treasurer of State." (H. P. 507) (L. D. 720)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Commissioner of Labor and Industry." (H. P. 567) (L. D. 800)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Commissioner of Agriculture." (H. P. 731) (L. D. 1036)

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Bill, "An Act Increasing Compensation for Members of Maine Employment Security Commission."
(H. P. 769) (L. D. 1087)
Bill, "An Act Increasing Salaries

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salaries of Members of the Public Utilities Commission." (H. P. 797) (L. D. 1129)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game." (H. P. 798) (L. D. 1130)

Bill, "An Act Increasing the Salary of the State Auditor." (H. P. 838) (L. D. 1189)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Attorney General." (H. P. 886) (L. D. 1234)

(L. D. 1234) Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Secretary of State." (S. P. 349) (L. D. 976)

(L. D. 976) Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Director of Legislative Research." (S. P. 355) (L. D. 1010)

Reported same (by authority of Joint Order S. P. 458 in a Consolidated Bill (S. P. 468) under title of: Bill, "An Act Increasing Salaries of Various Department Heads and Commissions." and that it Ought to pass.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Hancock, the Consolidated Bill was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to call recognition of the Senate to two visitors whom we have in the Senate Chamber. Although they have declined the invitation to come to the rostrum, I am sure that the entire membership of the Senate would like to join me in welcoming to the Senate procedures today the wife of Senator Stilphen of Knox, accompanied by their daughter, Louise. I am going to ask that they stand so that the Senate may recognize them. (Applause)

Majority — ONTP Minority — OTP

The Majority of the Committee on Education Bill, "An Act Relating to Reimbursement for Professional Credits Obtained by Teachers." (S. P. 156) (L. D. 377) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:

MATHIESON of Montville ERVIN of Houlton FRAZIER of Lee CLARK of Scarborough HANSON of Lebanon CORMIER of Rumford

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

Senators:

BATES of Penobscot COFFIN of Cumberland

Representative:

ROWE of Madawaska

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, tabled pending acceptance of either report.

Second Readers

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

House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fishing in Waters of Piscataquis County." (H. P. 491) (L. D. 704)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses for Indians." (H. P. 639) (L. D. 930)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Extension of Water Service in Town of Falmouth." (H. P. 932) (L. D. 1318)

Bill, "An Act Regulating Commercial Fishing for Smelts." (H. P. 934) (L. D. 1320)

"Resolve Closing Long Cove Brook, Moxie Cove Brook and Monroe Brook, Lincoln, Lincoln County, to Smelt Fishing." (H. P. 933) (L. D. 1319)

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

House — as amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Permits for Outdoor Advertising." (H. P. 84) (L. D. 131)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Protection of Weirs." (H. P. 366) (L. D. 525)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Jay Village Water District." (H. P. 667) (L. D. 959) Bill "An Act Creating the Lewis-

Bill "An Act Creating the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Authority." (H. P. 881) (L. D. 1255)

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

Senate

Bill, "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Governor." (S. P. 384) (L. D. 1110)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Duties of Municipalities Concerning Dutch Elm Disease." (S. P. 464) (L. D. 1328)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Senate — as amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Inheritance Tax Exemptions for Husband or Wife." (S. P. 29) (L. D. 9)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Hearing Injuries under Workmen's Compensation Law." (S. P. 216) (L. D. 555)

Bill, "An Act Providing Special Disability Compensation for Members of Organized Police Depart-ments." (S. P. 234) (L. D. 617)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Official Court Reporters." (S. P. 259) (L. D. 672)

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 Suspension of Motor Vehicle Licenses for Speeding." (H. P. 292) (L. D. **439**)

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

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

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

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

Bill, "An Act Increasing Number of Medical Examiners in Somerset County." (S. P. 106) (L. D. 224)

Orders of the Day

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President, may I inquire if L. D. 210 is in the possession of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would state that it is.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and members of the Senate, it is with hesitation that I am going to move reconsideration on L. D. 210 since this bill took so much of our time earlier in the week.

However, I do have some information which I did not have earlier when the bill was under discussion and for that reason I ask your indulgence for a few minutes, and then I will make a move for reconsideration. If it prevails I will then offer an amendment to leave the Washington County Deer Hunting Season as it now is instead of lengthening it as proposed in the bill.

The information which I have was given me by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and it shows that the annual deer kill in Washington County has declined in the past ten years by more than 1600 deer or loss of more than 30 per cent. It would seem that if the deer hunting season in Washington County is extended by approximately 20 per cent then in 1960 our herd will shrink even further.

It is said that there is not enough feed and more deer should be killed. Members of the Senate, I say there are not enough deer in Washington County now, and an extended deer season will only shrink the herd worse.

Biologists are necessary and think they give us a great deal of valuable information. At the same time like doctors and other professional men, they can be wrong and in this case I think the deer kill figures in Washington County show that they are wrong. Ten years ago the biologists told us that a closed season on clams was not a con-servation measure and as a result our clam flats were opened to unrestricted digging. And you know what has happened to the clams. During the past ten years they have just about disappeared.

Likewise the biologists tell us that lengthening the season for catching the Atlantic Salmon will not deplete the salmon and so in spite of what the people want, this season has just been lengthened in Washington County.

And now the deer. We have our problems in Washington County. But when we further extend these open seasons, we deplete our supply of fish and game with the result that we have less jobs and more unemployment.

Washington County has an area larger than the state of Delaware or the state of Rhode Island and half as large as Connecticut and is large enough to make a deer zone. Our people do not want this change; our fish and game associations do not want it; our camp owners and all the most vitally concerned do not want it. The Fish and Game statistics show our deer kill has already shrunk some 1600 deer in ten years. I therefore move reconsideration of our action of yesterday

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whereby this bill, L. D. 210 was enacted. I thank you for your indulgence and when the vote is taken, I ask that it be by a division.

Mr. BRIGGS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I likewise hesitate to rise to discuss the long-pending threezone deer bill which has been much embattled in both branches of the legislature and which has been extended final enactment only to be held once more for reconsideration in order to exempt some particular portion of the state.

I am sympathetic with the desire of the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, who I know is only doing and saying what he feels is the proper thing. However, I think in the interest of good deer management that it will be necessary for me also to rise here and make a few remarks regarding the deer kill conditions in Washington County and what the scientific facts are on that matter.

I do not know as I should make any reference to clams, Atlantic salmon and the other species of wild life which may or may not be pertinent to the question. Clams, of course, are being much reduced by the ever-increasing problem of water pollution and more flats are unavailable because of being posted as contaminated. That is a problem that the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, knows I am doing everything I can to help.

But, more important, to get down specifically to the question in point - and just before I do I think it is proper for me to tell the members of the Senate who are here today that we have a representative. not a direct representative from Washington County, because I am sure you know that no committee does have representation by counties or by towns, but it so happens that the chairman of our committee in the opposite branch of the legislature is a member from Washington County, and a very steady, level-headed type of fellow I think he is too. He endorses this bill exactly the way you enacted it in this branch yesterday. He has recently told me he has had more letters, he thinks, and more conferences on this question than perhaps anyone else in the legislature, and he feels that the majority of this material

that he has is favorable to just exactly what you did do yesterday in enacting this bill.

To get down specifically to the problem of deer kill figures in Washington County: I know that the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, did not mean to imply that because he obtained the deer kill figures from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game that they necessarily sanctioned the proposition which he is presenting to you for not continuing with our decision of yesterday in backing up this three-zone proposition. It is true, and all of us readily admit that the deer kill figures in Washington County have been going down. That is absolutely true. The reason for this — and I assure you I do not want to labor too deeply on it, in spite of my great interest in the question - the reason for this decline in deer population or deer kill figures is that it is a drop in productivity.

When nature decides that the range is not in balance with the deer herd it proceeds to thin the deer herd down in two different ways. The principal and initial way is by a lowering of reproduction in female deer. Female deer normally produce two fawns a year. When difficult conditions arise where the feed is not adequateand this is principally winter feed of course, because summer feed is available to them through wideranging when oftentimes winter feed is not-when this condition exists does oftentimes produce just one fawn deer or none at all. This is a condition which we think has been indicated in Washington County since 1946. The deer kill figures have been declining since that year; they have gone down greatly since the year 1946. At this particular point they seem to be tending to level off.

Now the fawn and doe productivity is low. As the kill continues to drop off the hunting pressure drops off also. The reason for that, of course, is that the hunting success is not quite as great there by the folks who formerly came there from the southern counties. As a consequence they stay closer to home and hunt. That is the reason that the kill has been declining; they do not have the number of hunters there in Washington County now.

During the last few years, one of the persons in Washington County who has not been too enthusiastic for this bill and who is a very experienced woodsman none-theless, has kept a record of the deer kill there. He has kept it from the point of view of the resident deer kill and nonresident deer kill, and he had concluded, notwithstanding the fact that he has not especially favored this bill which we finally passed yesterday and upon which reconsideration is now being requested, that the resident deer kill Washington County is almost in exactly the same as it has been in the last ten years and that the nonresident deer kill has declined and probably is at its low point, or certainly is as low as it has ever been.

Now these are facts that have been obtained from folks who have spent a great deal of time studying this. I am sure they have no desire to do anything that would be damaging to Washington County or Aroostook County or any other county; they merely want to do what they honestly believe will be of the greatest benefit to the deer, which are our most valuable large game animal.

I think that this thing has been more than just adequately discussed for the last two or three weeks. As I mentioned previously, the bill was on the table for a month in this branch and has also been on the table for nearly a month in the other branch, and it has been debated at every drop of the hat. I am sorry that on this last day of our session this week it seems to be necessary to debate it again. but I hope that we will not have to go through it any further, that we can stick to our previous decision which was final enactment. and that we will not find it necessary again to vote to reconsider. We did do that the other day, and some of these same amendments were presented but were not favorably acted upon, and I do not see any reason why there should be any difference in it today.

Mr. PARKER of Piscataquis: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I hesitate to rise and enter into this discussion at this time because as my good friend, the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Briggs, has indicated, we have already spent a lot of time on this subject.

However, I do want to take isone statement of my sue with good friend, Senator Briggs of Aroostook. It appears from all of the statements that have been made by him and he in turn getting his information from biologists from the Inland Fisheries and Game, that their conception of increasing the herd of deer in some sections is by killing them off. That philosophy 1 certainly cannot subscribe to and one other point I cannot believe is true, because all my life I have been familiar with conditions in deer yards, and I am very sure, contrary to the belief of the biologists that when a certain number of deer are in a so-called deer yard and the snow gets deep, the food that is there within reach of those that are in the yard must of necessity become depleted. That is just common sense and I am also sure that if half the number of deer were in that same yard, the yard would have half as large an amount of available food in that territory. In other words I am trying to say to you members here this afternoon that regardless of what you do to any of these counties that will be affected by this act, in my estimation you are not going to change the deer kill in the State of Maine to any great extent.

We have been killing forty thousand deer in Maine for the last several years and that is just about what we are going to continue to kill and you can change some counties to have a longer season or you can leave them the way they are but in the final analysis you still will have about the same count. I will ask any of those who are here today, five years from now or ten years from now to correct me, if I am still around. Whatever is done under this so called three zone deer act, we will be just about where we are ten years from now, just where we are today.

Mr. LESSARD of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may state his point of order.

Mr. LESSARD: I think, Mr. President, that the motion before the Senate now is whether or not we shall reconsider, and the last two senators have spoken on the merits of the bill. I would like to have a ruling from the Chair as to whether or not this is germane.

The PRESIDENT: The motion to reconsider throws the bill wide open for debate relative to the bill, and the Chair will make that ruling.

Mr. BRIGGS of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I am just barely old enough so I can remember the years when soil conservation and trained technicians were widely ridiculed all over the State of Maine and in the section with which I am familiar, and I am sure that the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Parker, can remember that. I can also remember the strong struggles against chlorination of water, against vaccinations and against the pasteurization of milk. I find it difficult to understand how it is that persons who are experienced with the soil, who understand that they do get more and better carrots by throwing away some of the carrots, that they do not get better crops by planting twice as many rows in a field, that they do not get twice as many potatoes, that they do better in their farm woodlots by thinning and selective cutting of trees, why it is that they unwilling to recognize that are there are some competent technical recommendations where it will allow the gun to play a fairly important or at least a helpful role in the management of our deer population. That is all that this attempts to do.

It is interesting, I think, to note in referring to different types of areas that are mainly regarded in the State as farm woodland, forest and wilderness, that extensive studies of the production per hundred does in farm woodland indicates that they produced 105, in the forest area 87 and in the wilderness area 46 per hundred does. From this it

is very easy to see that in regard to the richness of feed that there is a difference in farm woodland where there is cultivation and cutting.

I cannot see why we have so much difficulty in accepting these technological advances in things pertaining to wild life when folks like my very good friend from Piscataquis, Senator Parker, have seen them applied to the fields of agriculture and so forth.

Mr. FARLEY of York: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I am going to vote against the motion for reconsideration. My reason for that is I have voted upon the bill and I think we should stand on it. I have never chased deer or rabbits; I don't know where they are or anything else. It does seem to me that we are wasting a lot of time and a lot of the taxpayers' money. I am going to vote against reconsideration.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, that the Senate reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it passed to be enacted bill, "An Act Regulating Open Season on Deer by Zones" (S. P. 92) (L. D. 210) and a division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Eight having voted in the affirmative and fifteen opposed the motion to reconsider enactment did not prevail.

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

Mr. WOODCOCK: Mr. President and members of the Senate: Within the past few hours I have learned that a rare and distinctive honor has been accorded to one of our Maine citizens. For the first time to my knowledge, a lady from Maine has been elected to the office of President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, that national organization of 186,000 women who are imbued with the sublime ideal upon which our country is founded. As it happens, Mrs. White is related to a member of this legislature, being a cousin of the Hon. Sumner T. Pike of the Maine House of Representatives and of Lubec. Furthermore, I am personally deeply pleased by Mrs. White's great achievement, for I feel honored indeed to number her among my closest personal friends.

Therefore, Mr. President, on behalf of the 99th State of Maine Legislature I wish to spread upon the records of this body our most sincere congratulatory tribute to Mrs. Doris Pike White of Bangor, who has been duly elected to the office of President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: On behalf of the Senate the Chair thanks the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Woodcock, for his very appropriate comments. (Applause)

At this time the Chair would like to thank Diana and Gregory Foster for performing the duties of honorary pages in the Senate today. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, the Senate voted to take from the table the 67th tabled matter being, Senate Report from the Committee on Agriculture: "Ought to pass" on bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Misbranded Food." (S. P. 426) (L. D. 1244) tabled by that Senator on April 16 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. Mr. Charles of Cumberland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to study the advisability of permitting the movement over four lane divided highways of trucks, truck trailers, semi-trailers and 4 wheel trailers, in excess of existing length limitations; and be it further

ORDERED that the Committee report the results of its study to the 100th Legislature.

Mr. CHARLES of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, you will note on Page 11, Item 31 of our tabled calendar that there is a bill that might be referred to the next session of the legislature relative to trucks and trailers moving over four lane highways. I have conferred with the good Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross and told him that I desire to present a Research Order relative to this matter in order that consideration may be given this bill before the next session meets. It is for that reason that I present this Order and move its adoption.

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot, the Order was tabled pending passage.

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot

Adjourned until Monday, April 27 at four o'clock in the afternoon.