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SENATE

Tuesday, May 5, 1959

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Lewis of Somerset,

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House

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

In Senate on April 24, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A (Filing No. 266)

Comes from House, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A and as amended by House Amendment A (Filing No. 295) in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, the Secretary read House Amendment A, and on motion by Mr. Willey of Hancock, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to study losses in tax revenues to municipalities in the State caused by the withdrawal of municipally taxed private property for public use; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Committee report the result of its study to the 100th Legislature. (H. P. 956)

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot, the Order was laid upon the table pending adoption.

The PRESIDENT: At this time it is the Chair's pleasure to invite another distinguished member of this Body to act as President pro tem for a portion of this day's session, and would request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Bates, to the rostrum.

This was done amidst the applause of the Senate, and Mr. Bates of Penobscot assumed the Chair, the President retiring.

**House Committee Reports
Leave to Withdraw**

The Committee on Labor on Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Employment Security Law." (H. P. 118) (L. D. 173) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of Five Million Dollars to Provide for School Construction Aid to School Administrative Districts." (H. P. 736) (L. D. 1055) reported that the same OUGHT NOT TO PASS.

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Town of Danforth." (H. P. 806) (L. D. 1145) reported that the same OUGHT NOT TO PASS.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to pass

The same Committee on "Resolve to Provide Funds for Matching Federal Funds for Training in Fisheries Trade." (H. P. 82) (L. D. 129) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Creating a Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code." (H. P. 681) (L. D. 981) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

Ought to Pass — N.D.

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Regulating Certain Insurance Sold in Connection with Credit Transactions." (H. P. 893) (L. D. 1262) reported same in New Draft (H. P. 947) (L. D. 1343) under same title, and that it Ought to pass.

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

Ought to Pass — as amended

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Income from Sale

of Geological Survey Publications." reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 288)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Sewage Pollution Surveys." (H. P. 432) (L. D. 638) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 289)

The same Committee on "Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Restoration of Certain Forts in Aroostook County." (H. P. 712) (L. D. 1017) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 285)

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

The same Committee on "Resolve to Purchase One Hundred Copies of 'History of Otisfield.'" (H. P. 21) (L. D. 44) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 286)

In House, report accepted and resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A and as amended by House Amendment A (Filing No. 297)

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

The same Committee on "Resolve For the Purchase of Two Hundred Copies of 'A History of the Town of Porter, Maine.'" (H. P. 268) (L. D. 400) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 290)

In House, report accepted and resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 296)

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted and the bill read once; Committee Amendment A was

read and adopted in concurrence; House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The same Committee on "Resolve to Purchase One Hundred Copies of 'A History of Aurora, Maine.'" (H. P. 530) (L. D. 765) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 287)

In House, report accepted and resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A and as amended by House Amendment A (Filing No. 298)

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

**Majority — OTP — as Amended
Minority — ONTP**

The Majority of the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Causeway Connecting Cousins Island with Littlejohns Island, and a Bridge and Causeway Connecting Littlejohns with Chebeague Island." (H. P. 145) (L. D. 201) reported that the same Ought to pass As Amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 291)

(Signed)

Senator:

STILPHEN of Knox

Representatives:

TURNER of Auburn

CROCKETT of Freeport

NADEAU of Biddeford

PRUE of Ashland

DENNISON of E. Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the bill Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

THURSTON of Oxford

PARKER of Piscataquis

Representatives:

CARTER of Etna

GRAVES of Mt. Desert

In House, Majority report accepted and bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended.

In the Senate:

Mr. STILPHEN of Knox: Mr. President, I move that the Majority ought to pass report be accepted.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Thurston of Oxford, the bill and reports were laid upon the table pending motion by Senator Stilphen of Knox to accept the Majority ought to pass report.

Majority — ONTP
Minority — OTP

The Majority of the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Services of State Police on Maine Turnpike." (H. P. 605) (L. D. 865) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Sensors:

STILPHEN of Knox
PARKER of Piscataquis
THURSTON of Oxford

Representatives:

NADEAU of Biddeford
PRUE of Ashland
GRAVES of Mt. Desert
DENNISON of E. Machias
CARTER of Etna
TURNER of Auburn

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

(Signed)

Representative:

CROCKETT of Freeport.

In House, Minority Report Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

In the Senate:

Mr. STILPHEN of Knox: Mr. President, I move that the majority ought not to pass report be accepted in non-concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Charles of Cumberland, the bill and reports were laid upon the table pending motion by Mr. Stilphen of Knox to accept the ought not to pass report in non-concurrence.

Second Readers

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

House — as amended

Bill, "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to the Registration of Vital Statistics." (H. P. 297) (L. D. 444)

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

House — as amended in non-concurrence

Bill, "An Act Creating Municipal Urban Renewal Authorities." (H. P. 555) (L. D. 811)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Creating a Committee to Study Establishment of a Residential Treatment Center for Emotionally Disturbed Children." (S. P. 227) (L. D. 971)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Splash Guards for Certain Trucks." (H. P. 870) (L. D. 1215)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Distribution and Sale of Publications Depicting Crime and Torture." (H. P. 249) (L. D. 632)

Which bills were passed to be enacted.

At this point, the President resumed the Chair, Mr. Bates retiring amidst the applause of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair wants to thank the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Bates, for his very excellent services presiding as President pro tem here in the Senate this morning.

At this time the Chair recognizes in the Senate Chamber the presence of a former distinguished member of this Body, a former presiding officer. The Chair is very happy, on behalf of the Maine Senate to recognize this gentleman and to ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the distinguished citizen of the State

of Maine, the Honorable George Varney to the rostrum.

(Applause, members rising.)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table the 3rd tabled item being House Reports from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game: Majority report, ought not to pass; Minority Report, ought to pass; on "Resolve Opening Wilson Lake, Franklin County to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 66) (L. D. 104) tabled by that Senator on February 19 pending acceptance of either report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Minority ought to pass report was accepted in non-concurrence, the resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table the 117th tabled item being "Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Richardson Lakes, Upper and Lower, and Their Tributaries, Oxford County." (H. P. 942) (L. D. 1334) tabled by that Senator on May 4 pending final passage; and on further motion by the same Senator, the resolve was finally passed.

On motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table the 14th tabled item being House Report from the Committee on State Government: Ought not to pass on Bill, "An Act Relating to Custody of Maine State Retirement System Securities." (H. P. 220) (L. D. 311) tabled by that Senator on March 18 pending acceptance of the report in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator, the ought not to pass report was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table the 34th tabled item being House Report from the Committee on Natural Resources: Ought not to pass on Bill, "An Act to Create a Water Pollution Abatement Program." (H. P. 662) (L. D. 953) tabled by that Senator on April 3 pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. BRIGGS of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I wish to speak briefly on this legislative document and describe just a little bit of what we have done in the way of water conservation this session.

This particular bill is another one of these bills which periodically keep coming into the legislature in the interest of a little bit more rigid water conservation measures. This type of bill is often classified by some of our newspapers as a drastic measure. It does or did have what I, and I think certain of the members of the committee, felt were valid features, one of these features being the possibility of eventually giving a little more realistic authority to the Water Improvement Commission which is made up of members representing industry, municipalities, the public in general and the conservation interests, and discontinuing the legislative review in classification matters under the present law.

Our thinking in feeling that this removal from legislative review would be a forthright and progressive thing to do ultimately is that oftentimes when these questions are reviewed by a competent staff with proper technological facilities, such as the Water Commission, they are able to bring a more intelligent decision to bear on these problems than is the legislature generally. The reason we feel that way is that often, I am sure you are aware, that political complications arise when decisions have to be made on the classification of waters by the legislature.

Most all states are taking a little stronger position in the water conservation picture, and rightly so. I think if this legislature and subsequent legislatures fail to take this question of preserving our valuable water resources seriously enough that there is no question but what a so-called "drastic" measure will ultimately prevail, because the citizens are not going to tolerate a complete lack of progress in water conservation.

However, the committee did not feel at this time that the legislature was ready to support a bill of this type. Therefore I move that we

accept the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

Thereupon, the ought not to pass report of the committee was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table the 83rd tabled item House Report from the Committee on Natural Resources: ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" on Bill, "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Water Improvement Commission." (H. P. 561) (L. D. 794) tabled by that Senator on April 24 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the ought to pass report was accepted and the bill read once; Committee Amendment A with House Amendment A thereto, were read; House Amendment A to Committee Amendment A was adopted in concurrence; Committee Amendment A as amended by House Amendment A was adopted, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table the 70th tabled item being House Report from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game: ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A on "Resolve, Opening Long Lake Aroostook, County, to Smelt Fishing." (H. P. 720) (L. D. 1025) tabled by that Senator on April 22 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the ought to pass report was accepted in concurrence and the bill read once; Committee Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table the 103rd tabled item being Bill, "An Act Relating to Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses for Indians." (H. P. 639) (L. D. 930) tabled by that Senator on April 30 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 91st tabled item being Senate Report from the Committee on Public Health: Ought to pass in New Draft (S. P. 475) (L. D. 1339), Same Title on Bill, "An Act to Regulate the Practice of Nursing." (S. P. 318) (L. D. 880) tabled by that Senator on April 27 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the ought to pass in new draft report was accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. DOW of Lincoln: Mr. President, I plan to take a bill off the table, but I would like first to make a few remarks. I don't believe that I can remember ever having seen more than 75 or possibly 80 matters on the table at one time. Here we are going into the middle of May and on the table I can see 120 bills. I know that you all realize the amount of time it takes to send these bills down to be engrossed, and then many of them have to go to the other branch for concurrence and they may put them on their table over there. The bills may be debated and I want to eat salmon and peas on the 4th of July but I want to eat them in Waldoboro, not Augusta. I hope that we will clear the table at a rapid pace.

On motion by Mr. Dow of Franklin, the Senate voted to take from the table the 63rd tabled item being Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Selling of Motor Vehicles on Sunday." (S. P. 381) (L. D. 1107) tabled by that Senator on April 17 pending passage to be engrossed:

Mr. DOW of Lincoln: Mr. President, this bill was sponsored by the Maine Automobile Dealers Association, and, as I understand, a poll was taken of these members and of the questionnaires that were returned 80 per cent voted to close on Sunday while about 20 per cent voted against it. Now this 20 per cent is made up of dealers from rural areas, especially in recreational areas. However, about four months during the summer season many people visit show rooms, antique shops, gift shops and other

types of business on Sunday afternoon, and because we are in an area of seasonal business we have to make the best of it. It is from those areas that the majority of those who oppose the closing come.

Now I do not sell automobiles but I do have a summer Sunday afternoon business. If all types of business were closed on Sunday I would be happy to do so also, but I think it is discriminatory to pick on one type of business and say it must close on Sunday. Now because I have automobile dealers in close proximity on both sides of me who wish to stay open on Sunday, and I do not want any part in voting to close them up while at the same time I will be allowed to continue. Therefore, Mr. President, I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. HILLMAN of Penobscot: Mr. President, could I ask what bill we are discussing here?

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow, that L. D. 1107, which is No. 63 on Page 14, Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Selling of Motor Vehicles on Sunday," be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. HILLMAN: Would the Secretary read the Committee Reports?

(The reports were read by the Secretary)

Mr. HILLMAN: Mr. President, I sponsored this bill in behalf of the automobile dealers of the State of Maine. It seems that better than eighty per cent of the automobile dealers in the State of Maine felt that opening Sunday was a menace and a hazard to the public. For instance, in the urban areas in the City of Bangor where used car lots and new car lots are open Sundays they have a number of customers who come in and ask to try out cars. Young men, older men and others take cars out of the lots and come back and say, "We can't do business today because it is Sunday."

Now these automobile dealers are good citizens and good businessmen and they as a group have asked me to sponsor this bill before the legislature to stop that abuse. Now when eighty per cent of the dealers in the State of Maine are in agree-

ment on a proposition like this and it comes before our committee and comes out with a unanimous "Ought to pass" report, then I feel we should give it consideration here in this body and perhaps do a wee bit towards stopping the doing of business on Sunday.

Now there are many more things that could be said in behalf of closing automobile sales room and places of business or lots, as they are called, but I think you will agree that if the men themselves who operate these business want to curtail sales of cars on Sunday then they ought to have the support of this legislative body. I hope that the motion of the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow, does not prevail.

Mr. DOW of Lincoln: Mr. President, my friend and colleague, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Hillman, says that eighty per cent of the dealers wanted this law passed, but I understand it was eighty per cent of the returns that came back from a survey with a questionnaire that was sent out. However, I hope that you will appreciate my position when I say that I can not vote for this bill which is going to close my neighbors up and at the same time operate myself. That is why I hope to have a chance to vote against it.

Mr. ROSS of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, like my good friend on my left, Senator Dow, I also do not like discriminatory legislation, but when one faction of our economy is willing to sponsor a piece of legislation themselves and to back it — and they do, because I have contacted many of these dealers in the past weeks — I feel that we should give them a chance, like the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Hillman. I believe that the dealers who do not want this type of legislation are the dealers in the fringe area of the industry who must do that in order to meet competition; but since eighty per cent of the industry itself wants this type of law I think that we should have it on our books, and I will have to oppose the motion of the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow.

Mr. CHARLES of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I was one of the signers

of the "Ought to pass" report on this bill and I reached that decision very seriously on two separate pieces of evidence. First of all, at the public hearing which was held before the Legal Affairs Committee we had absolutely no opposition whatever on this bill even though there was on a bill previous to that which had to do with Sunday selling. However, when this bill came up on automobiles there was no opposition whatsoever. My second piece of evidence of interest in this bill comes from the letters I have received from automobile dealers and from the industry itself. They pleaded with me to go along with this bill which they wanted themselves. That is the only reason why I have gone along with it.

The PRESIDENT: The question is on the motion of the Senator from Franklin, Senator Dow, that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote being had, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Hillman of Penobscot, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the Special Appropriations Table, Bill, "An Act Conveying Songo Lock Property to the State of Maine" (L. D. 872) previously tabled by that Senator pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. ROGERSON of Aroostook: Mr. President all of the bills which lie on the Special Appropriations Table are there for one of two reasons. First they either provide for an appropriation, or second, the department involved has sent us a memo saying that if the bill is passed it will cost that department money. So in order to have some idea of the amount of money which we are about to commit ourselves, these bills are laid upon the table. When L. D. 872 reached the stage just prior to enactment, it appeared as though it would cost the department some money and for that reason it was placed on the Special Table. Now, however, we have received a statement saying that it will not cost the department money and I therefore move the pending question.

The motion prevailed and the bill passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the 114th tabled item being Bill, "An Act to Create the Berwick Water and Sewerage District." (H. P. 931) (L. D. 1317) tabled by that Senator on May 1 pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by the same Senator, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Martin of Kennebec presented Senate Amendment A to House Amendment A and moved its adoption.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby it adopted House Amendment A: Senate Amendment A to House Amendment A was adopted, House Amendment A amended by Senate Amendment A was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hillman of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table the 116th tabled item being "Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Wadleigh Pond, Piscataquis County." (H. P. 199) (L. D. 291) tabled by that Senator on May 1 pending motion by Senator Lewis of Somerset to Indefinitely postpone; and the same Senator moved the pending question.

The motion to indefinitely postpone in non-concurrence prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ross of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to take from the table the 7th tabled item being Bill, "An Act Changing Name of Inland Fish and Game Wardens to Conservation Officers." (H. P. 253) (L. D. 364) tabled by that Senator on March 11 pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. ROSS of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, this bill came before the Committee on State Government and it had a unanimous "Ought to pass" report primarily because it did not have any opposition, but I believe it is the type of bill that would not have opposition in a

public hearing. I am on the State Government Committee, but I have now changed my mind about game wardens and conservation officers. Having lived with this term for such a long while, I think it would be a little difficult to adjust. If I should ever need one of these enforcement personnel, I certainly would want to call for a warden and not the tongue-twister "conservation officer," but, on the other side of the picture, if I am ever chased by one, and I hope I never am, I guess I had rather be chased by a conservation officer than a warden.

But there are three reasons why I do not think this should be legislation at the present time. The first reason is that in our laws relative to Inland Fish and Game there are a great many references to wardens. Now if we change the term by a special bill and do not change the terminology in our statutes, I believe that our lawyers throughout the State will have a fine time freeing people of the misdemeanors they might commit in the hands of a warden when he should be a conservation officer and vice versa. Secondly, I went to both the commissioner and the deputy commissioner and they told me that they had no strong feeling one way or the other. But what made me really make up my mind was the action of this august body yesterday whereby we enacted L. D. 132, which is a law relative to temporary wardens and not "conservation officers." So I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. CARPENTER of Somerset: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I feel that I must oppose the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross, on this particular bill.

This bill came out of the department to change the name from game wardens to conservation officers, and the thought behind the matter was this: They thought it might be a better opportunity to get a higher type of so-called warden if they did go under the name of conservation officers. Many of the states have adopted this particular term.

In taking the matter up with the Attorney-General's department, so

far as the rules and regulations are concerned, they said there would not be any difficulties whatsoever. For that reason, I oppose the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross, and when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

Mr. BRIGGS of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate: As I understand it, the trend all over the nation in these changing times in which we live is to attempt to get away from the old "fish cop" attitude and to try to approach the problem, as much as it can be done properly, recognizing that enforcement is still necessary, by education and instruction through highly-trained officers, and that is, I think, the feeling of this trend towards calling wardens conservation officers.

I do not have any strong feeling in the matter personally but I do feel that perhaps through the long term it would be a constructive move to change this designation. Therefore I will have to oppose the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross, to cause any more consternation in this conservation question.

Mr. HILLMAN of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I would like to agree with both the opposition and the proponents.

We had this bill before the State Government Committee, and, as Senator Ross, has said in opposition, the evidence given would lead us to believe it was a good move. They brought up the fact that we have wardens at the large shows all over the country, and by dressing them up and having a new badge saying "Conservation Officer," it would perhaps be a little more dignified than "Game Warden." There seems to be some fear in everybody's mind about a game warden, therefore I say it is a matter for us to decide here as to whether it is a good move or whether it is not. I feel perhaps it would put them on a higher level. I think the Maine game warden is more or less outmoded. Actually he is a conservation officer, because he is doing just that when he patrols the woods and streams of the State of Maine. I

feel that it is a move in the right direction, and therefore I will have to oppose my colleague on the State Government Committee, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross.

Mr. PARKER of Piscataquis: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I had no idea I would be speaking on this bill. However, I am thinking of some confusion that will certainly arise in many of our counties that have Soil Conservation Districts at the present time. I am sure that the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Hillman, will agree with me that soil conservation districts have conservation officers. They are sometimes called Soil Conservation Officers or other terms, but they are conservation officers. I am thinking that we are only going to confuse many of our citizens if we adopt this term of "Conservation officer" for our wardens. I heartily agree with the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross, that we had better leave it as it is. I think when we want a warden we want a warden and when we want a conservation officer we might be talking about a soil conservation officer or the ones who are supposed to be conservation officers under this bill. Therefore I shall vote to support the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross.

The PRESIDENT: The question is on the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross, that the bill be indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence, and a division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Thirteen having voted in the affirmative and fourteen opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table the 118th tabled item being Bill, "An Act Relating to Financial Responsibility of Vehicles Insured by Automatic Coverage." (H. P. 690) (L. D. 990) tabled by that Senator on March 4 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table the 92nd tabled item being Bill, "An Act Permitting Importation of Fireworks for Protection of Agricultural Crops." (S. P. 470) (L. D. 1332) tabled by that Senator on April 27 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair notes in the Senate Chamber, the presence of a former distinguished member of this Body and would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Honorable Norman Ferguson, former Senator from Oxford County, to the rostrum.

(Applause, members rising.)

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to welcome to the Senate Chamber this morning, the members of the Office Practice Class from Hallowell High School, accompanied by Eleanor Ascher. On behalf of the Senate, it is my privilege to welcome you young people here this morning. We trust that you will have an enjoyable and educational visit here in the statehouse. A very cordial welcome to all of you.

On motion by Mr. Coffin of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine-thirty o'clock.