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## HOUSE

Thursday, February 23, 1961

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Charles E. Karsten, Jr. of Gardiner.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate

The following two Bills which were referred to the 100th Legislature by the 99th Legislature:

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing Funds for Veterans for Farm and Home Purchases and Remodeling" (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1466)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Permitting Paraplegics to Hunt from Stationary Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 469) (L. D. 1467)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

### Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Election Laws reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Hold the Primary Election on the Second Tuesday after Labor Day" (S. P. 371) (L. D. 1182)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Abolish the Straight Party Ballot in the Election Laws" (S. P. 372) (L. D. 1183)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

### Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Motor Vehicles without

Authority in any Place" (S. P. 138) (L. D. 321) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 465) (L. D. 1464) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the New Draft passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Parmachenee Lake, Parmachenee and Lynchtown, Oxford County (S. P. 227) (L. D. 632)

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources reporting same on Bill "An Act Authorizing Construction and Maintenance of a Wharf in Sebago Lake at Standish by Virgus A. Chick" (S. P. 179) (L. D. 425)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax" (S. P. 263) (L. D. 780)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills and Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read twice, Resolve read once, and assigned the next legislative day.

### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Record of Facts Used to Impose Sentence on Persons Convicted" (S. P. 67) (L. D. 167) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"  
to S. P. 67, L. D. 167, Bill, "An  
Act Relating to Record of Facts  
Used to Impose Sentence on Per-  
sons Convicted"

Amend said bill by striking out in the 7th line the underlined words and punctuation "**that impelled him to impose sentence.**" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words and punctuation **'acquired and considered by him in imposing sentence.'**

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

## Ought Not to Pass Recommitted in Senate

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for Publication of Information on the Public Lots by Forestry Department (S. P. 181) (L. D. 427)

Came from the Senate with the Report and Resolve recommitted to the Committee on Natural Resources.

In the House, the Report was read and the Report and Resolve recommitted to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

## Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Free Fishing Licenses for Certain Veterans" (S. P. 164) (L. D. 410)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARPENTER

of Somerset

STILPHEN of Knox

Cyr of Aroostook

— of the Senate.

Messrs. ANDERSON

of Ellsworth

MOORE of Casco

DODGE of Guilford

HANSON of Bradford

WADE of Skowhegan

LL of Stetson  
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. WALLS of Millinocket  
— of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted.

In the House: Reports were read.  
Thereupon, the Majority "Ought  
not to pass" Report was accepted  
in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of a group of twenty-five young people from the Jewish Community Center in Bangor, accompanied by Milton Lincoln, executive director.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a most hearty and cordial welcome and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us here today. (Applause)

## Orders

On motion of Mr. Maddox of Vinalhaven, it was

ORDERED, that David Crossman of Vinalhaven be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

On motion of Mr. Danes of South Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the Misses Jo Ann Gill and Karen Ann Gill of South Portland be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

Mrs. Knapp of Yarmouth presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the House have learned that tomorrow, February 24, is the seventh birthday of Robert Richard Kilroy, grandson of Mrs. Kilroy of Portland,

BE IT ORDERED, that the members extend to Master Kilroy their congratulations and best wishes on his birthday tomorrow and for the entire year.

The SPEAKER: The Chair declares this Order unanimously passed. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Dodge of Guilford, it was

ORDERED, that Michael T. Hichborn of Medford Township be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

On motion of Mr. Thaanum of Winthrop, it was

ORDERED, that Charles Gordon, Jr. and Kenneth Patten of Winthrop be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

On motion of Mr. Hancock of Nobleboro, it was

ORDERED, that Laura Sproul of Bristol be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Kilroy, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

The SPEAKER: We are honored with having the following Honorary Pages for the day: Laura Sproul, daughter of Representative Sproul from Bristol; Charles Gordon, Jr. and Kenneth Patten, who refer to Representative Thaanum of Winthrop as "Uncle Pete"; Michael T. Hichborn, son of Representative Hichborn of Medford Township; the Misses Jo Ann Gill and Karen Ann Gill, daughters of Representative Gill from South Portland; and David Crossman, who is the grandson of Representative Maddox from Vinalhaven.

The Chair will request that the Sergeant-at-Arms escort these Honorary Pages to the well of the House in order that they may serve as Honorary Pages for the remainder of the session.

Thereupon, the Honorary Pages were escorted to the well of the Hall of the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield, it was

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

#### **House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Haughn from the Committee on State Government on Resolve

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Representatives to Four-Year Terms (H. P. 636) (L. D. 853) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Ought Not to Pass Tabled**

Mr. Boothby from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Prices of Milk Sold by Producers to Dealers by Bulk Tank" (H. P. 787) (L. D. 1102)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Knight.

Mr. KNIGHT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Knowing that the sponsor of this bill is not present, I would table it unassigned until he comes in, and take it off at that time, your Honor, — I am back in Court again, my apologies. (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: The Chair will pronounce sentence at the termination of today's session. (Applause)

The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Knight, in reference to item two, moves that it be tabled unassigned pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

#### **Tabled and Assigned**

Mrs. Harrington from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Price Controls on Milk" (H. P. 448) (L. D. 648)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Jameson of Bangor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 8.)

Mr. Dunn from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Regulating the Use of Horses and Bicycles on Ways" (H. P. 719) (L. D. 918)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Tabled**

Mr. Whitney from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Warning Lights on Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 916) (L. D. 1250)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from St. Albans, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. HUGHES: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: It is not my intention to upset a unanimous "Ought not to pass" committee report, not at this time anyhow. I will make a motion, following a few remarks, on this particular item. The action has been cleared with the Senate Chairman and the House Chairman, and also the signer of the bill. And due to the fact that there is other legislation dealing with this subject, coming later, we may want to salvage part of this one. So I move this item lay on the table unassigned.

The SPEAKER: In reference to item five, the gentleman from St. Albans, Mr. Hughes, moves that this item be tabled unassigned pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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**Ought to Pass  
Printed Bills**

Mr. Choate from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Publication of Limited Partnerships" (H. P. 653) (L. D. 931)

Mr. Edwards from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Atlas Loan Co.'" (H. P. 656) (L. D. 934)

Mr. Hughes from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Domestic Finance Corporation of Kennebunk" (H. P. 729) (L. D. 1017)

Mr. Johnson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Collateral for Bank Employee Loans" (H. P. 793) (L. D. 1107)

Mr. Morse from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Allied Finance Co.'" (H. P. 731) (L. D. 1019)

Mrs. Shepard from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Domestic Finance Corporation of Dexter" (H. P. 730) (L. D. 1018)

Mr. Hardy from the Committee on Labor reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Women and Children in Lodging Places" (H. P. 504) (L. D. 703)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

**Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Jobin from the Committee on Labor reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Minors under 16 Years of Age" (H. P. 759) (L. D. 1045)

Report was read.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Tuesday of this week we had a bill of similar nature, the eighteen year old group; we now have another bill before us for the sixteen year age group. So for the purpose of further study and finding out more about this bill, I would recommend to this House that we table and specially assign it for Tuesday next.

The SPEAKER: In reference to item thirteen, the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that this item be tabled until Tuesday next. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Dennett from the Committee on State Government reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing for Transfer of Certain State Property to Maine Maritime Academy" (H. P. 532) (L. D. 730)

Mr. Dostie from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Revising and Clarifying the Laws Relating to the State Bureau of the Budget" (H. P. 536) (L. D. 734)

Mr. Haughn from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Emergency Location of Governments for State

Political Subdivisions" (H. P. 533) (L. D. 731)

Mr. Kimball from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Emergency Location of State Government" (H. P. 534) (L. D. 732)

Mr. Noel from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for Emergency Interim Legislative Succession" (H. P. 535) (L. D. 733)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

#### **Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment Tabled**

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on Portage Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 489) (L. D. 689) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Stewart of Presque Isle, the Report and Bill were tabled unassigned pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Dodge from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Prohibiting Use of Live Bait in Hills Pond, Franklin County (H. P. 311) (L. D. 463) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 311, L. D. 463, "Resolve Prohibiting Use of Live Bait in Hills Pond, Franklin County."

Amend said Resolve by striking out the last 2 lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

'prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait in Hills Pond, Perkins Plantation, Franklin County.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Dodge from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on

Millinagassett Lake, Mooseleuk Lake and Big Machias Lake (H. P. 485) (L. D. 685) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 485, L. D. 685, "Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on Millinagassett Lake, Mooseleuk Lake and Big Machias Lake."

Amend said Resolve by striking out the words "of each year" at the end and inserting in place thereof: 'and prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait for the calendar years 1962 and 1963'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Hanson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Eagle Lake, St. Froid Lake and Long Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 396) (L. D. 571) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 396, L. D. 571, Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Eagle Lake, St. Froid Lake and Long Lake, Aroostook County.

Amend said Resolve in the 3rd line by inserting after the words "Long Lake" the following words 'in the Fish River Chain to the use or possession of live fish, except smelts, as bait for the calendar years 1962 and 1963.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Moore from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Rockabema Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 39) (L. D. 73) reported

"Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 39, L. D. 73, "Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Rockabema Lake, Aroostook County."

Amend said Resolve in the 3rd line from the end by inserting after the word "use" the words 'or possession'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Wade from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Opening Cross Lake, Aroostook County, to Ice Fishing for Cusk (H. P. 20) (L. D. 39) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 20, L. D. 39, "Resolve, Opening Cross Lake, Aroostook County, to Ice Fishing for Cusk."

Amend said Resolve by inserting after the words "ice fishing" in the next to last line the words 'at night from sunset to sunrise'

Further amend said Resolve by inserting before the period at the end the following: 'and prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait for the calendar years 1962 and 1963'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Wade from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on Millinocket Lake, Big Pleasant Lake and Spider Lake, Piscataquis County (H. P. 483) (L. D. 683) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 483, L. D. 683, "Resolve, Regulating Ice Fishing on Millinocket Lake, Big Pleasant Lake, and Spider Lake, Piscataquis County."

Amend said Resolve by striking out at the end the words "each year" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'for the calendar years 1962 and 1963'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Wade from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on First Musquacook Lake and Second Musquacook Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 486) (L. D. 686) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 486, L. D. 686, "Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on First Musquacook Lake and Second Musquacook Lake, Aroostook County."

Amend said Resolve in the 5th line by striking out the words "of each year" and inserting in place thereof the words and figures 'for the calendar years 1962 and 1963'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Walls from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on Umsaskis Lake and Long Lake, Aroostook County (H. P. 488) (L. D. 688) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 488, L. D. 688, "Resolve, Regulating Ice Fishing on Umsaskis Lake and Long Lake, Aroostook County."

Amend said Resolve, by striking out the words "of each year" in the last line and inserting in place



thereof 'of the calendar years 1962 and 1963'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Danes from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Authorize Cumberland County to Raise Money for the Construction of a County Jail" (H. P. 428) (L. D. 603) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to H. P. 428, L. D. 603, Bill, "An Act to Authorize Cumberland County to Raise Money for the Construction of a County Jail."

Amend said Bill by striking out the words "\$1,000,000" in the 12th line and inserting in place thereof the word '\$700,000'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

#### **Senate Order Out of Order**

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 28, at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 475)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

#### **Passed to Be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of Eyes after Death" (S. P. 113) (L. D. 258)

Bill "An Act relating to Rate of Premiums for Group Life Insurance" (S. P. 157) (L. D. 403)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate General Discount Corporation (Maine)" (S. P. 159) (L. D. 405)

Bill "An Act relating to Trustees of and Investments by Odd Fellows' Home of Maine" (S. P. 194) (L. D. 527)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate International Mortgage Corporation (Maine)" (S. P. 250) (L. D. 767)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

#### **Tabled**

Bill "An Act Creating a Committee to Plan for an Institute Serving as Reception and Treatment Center" (S. P. 322) (L. D. 997)

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

(On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and unassigned.)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Violating Vesicular Exanthema Laws" (H. P. 375) (L. D. 550)

Bill "An Act Making Mandatory the Reporting of Blindness to Health and Welfare Department" (H. P. 805) (L. D. 1119)

Bill "An Act relating to Tattooing" (H. P. 1067) (L. D. 1468)

Resolve to Increase Retirement Benefit for Susie H. Yeaton, of Harrington (S. P. 301) (L. D. 912)

Resolve Permitting Demolishing Certain Building at Maine State Prison (H. P. 743) (L. D. 1199)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolves read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

#### **Amended Bill**

Bill "An Act Providing for Maine Potato Advertising by the Department of Agriculture" (H. P. 284) (L. D. 436)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

#### **Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act to Incorporate Starks Water District (H. P. 622) (L. D. 839)

Resolve Designating Bridge at North Rumford as "Howe Bridge" (H. P. 235) (L. D. 349)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and

strictly engrossed, Bill passed to be enacted, Resolve finally passed, both signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

### Orders of the Day

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought Not to Pass" — Committee on Transportation — on Bill "An Act relating to Initial Motor Vehicle Number Plates." (H. P. 217) (L. D. 312)

Tabled — February 15, by Mr. Berry of Portland.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Morrill of Harrison that the Bill be substituted for the report.

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

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, I believe that there are some inconsistencies in this bill as reported out of Committee, and I now move at this time to recommit this back to Committee for further hearing, further study.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Berry, moves that this Report and Bill be re-committed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, the Report and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on Transportation and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Exempting Taxicab Drivers from the Minimum Wage Law." (H. P. 1056) (L. D. 1265) (Read the Third Time)

Tabled — February 16, by Mr. Brown of South Portland.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham to Indefinitely Postpone.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: Perhaps nothing that I can say may change the opinions of some who may have already made up their minds, but for those who have not and those who have perhaps, I wish you might consider this as it is.

Now we are here considering many tax hikes, and we want — we will be considering income tax, we are going to consider sales tax, cigarette tax, and what have you, and yet at the same time we are saying to these people here we are going to cut your wages. I was just wondering just how you add that up, and I would remind you that this minimum wage law didn't please everybody, and that if you start in picking at it a little here and a little there — now there are not too many of these people who can stand up and fight for themselves, very few, because if they say too much or perhaps anything why they could easily lose their job. So you and I as legislators sent up here have their fate in our hands, and I hope that you really consider it, and really consider the whole law.

It seems to me that one dollar per hour or eight dollars per day is small enough under the present conditions, let alone with more taxes, which undoubtedly when this legislature ceases to exist, there will be more taxes, so I wish that you might consider seriously the condition of these men and perhaps some women who are driving these, because it is a fact, and perhaps you have noticed it, that before we had a minimum wage law affecting these people that some people were driving these taxis which I don't think you would be too happy to ride with, but I think we have a pretty good number, a pretty good outfit driving these because they are getting a fair wage, and if you are going to start cutting the wage we will just simply drop back where it will be quite unsafe, perhaps in some cases, I don't say in every case, but it could be in some cases, but because the need is there, and these men do need this wage, I move this be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I talked on this bill the other day and my thinking hasn't changed, and I think that if we did not pass this bill, that the

taxi drivers might be worse off than they are now. Right now some of them get thirty-eight percent of the gross, some get thirty-five percent of the gross, and not too many of them are covered anyway, because if you own three taxis, you are not covered by the minimum wage. So I move for a division when the vote is taken, and I certainly hope the motion made by the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that Bill "An Act Exempting Taxicab Drivers from the Minimum Wage Law," House Paper 1056, Legislative Document 1265, be indefinitely postponed. If that motion does not prevail, then the bill will be on its way to be passed to be engrossed. Therefore, if you favor indefinite postponement of this bill, you will rise on the first vote. All those in favor of indefinite postponement of this bill please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Five having voted in the affirmative and one hundred seventeen having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE ORDER — Relative to Bills and Resolves Carrying Appropriations to be Placed on Special House Calendar.

Tabled — February 22, Under House Rules.

Pending — Passage (Ordered Reproduced)

On motion of Mr. Wellman of Bangor, retabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 1, pending passage.

The Chair laid before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE ORDER — Relative to List of Officers, Faculty, and Em-

ployees of the University of Maine and their Salaries.

Tabled — February 22, by Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield.

Pending — Passage.

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

Mr. RUST: Mr. Speaker, Gentlemen and Gentlewomen of the House: As an alumnus of the University of Maine, this particular bill has come to my attention—I should say House Order, and I personally feel that there is no need for it. The expense of printing and distributing it as far as I am concerned is unjustified, and I would also like to say at this time that anyone who has a particular interest in any particular salary of any particular individual at the University of Maine, may get such information from the Budget Office because they have a copy there of the salary of every individual at the University, and therefore at this time, I would move that this House Order be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: In reference to item four on page seven, the question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from York, Mr. Rust, that this Order be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I believe with the increases we have coming in the appropriations for the University of Maine that we should study some of these figures. I believe they are somewhat different than they were two years ago and four years ago, and I hope that you will not go along with the indefinite postponement of this Order.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Three weeks ago on the Floor of this House I presented a Joint Order to divulge the salaries for the payrolls of the state employees of the State of Maine, their classifications and the names. Now there is no difference in this particular order than what we have already adopted for the state em-

ployees. We have a payroll plan before us for them. We have an expenditure by the State of Maine in large amounts. To me there is no differential, and this House should be fully informed before expenditures are made as to what they are being made for, and I hope the motion of the gentleman from York, Mr. Rust, does not prevail.

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

Mr. RUST: Mr. Speaker, I request a division on this vote.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from York, Mr. Rust, that this House Order be indefinitely postponed. All those who favor the motion to indefinitely postpone this order please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Twenty-four having voted in the affirmative and one hundred and one having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

The Chair laid before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Providing a State-Wide Limit on Certain Fish." (S. P. 69) (L. D. 169) — In Senate Passed to be Engrossed.

Tabled — February 22, by Mr. Perry of Easton.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton.

Mr. WHEATON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to retable this bill for the purpose of preparing an amendment to it pending passage to be engrossed. I suggest we table it until March 2.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton, moves that this Bill be tabled to March 2 pending passage to be engrossed. For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. PERRY of Easton: Well, Mr. Speaker, Members of the

House: I had an amendment here that I presented and I wondered if I could speak about it at this time.

The SPEAKER: A tabling motion is not debatable. You will have an opportunity to present an amendment later. Is it the pleasure of the House that this item be tabled and specially assigned for Thursday, March 2?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled and specially assigned for Thursday, March 2, pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. FOGG of Madison was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mr. FOGG: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As you all know we've now finished our eighth week in this session. Due to the very capable management of our Speaker, Representative Good, we seem to be setting an unprecedented rate of progress here in the House. I think that he deserves commendation for the job that he is doing.

When the session first started, I was asked, the question was put to me as the leader of the Minority Party, what our policy would be in this Legislature. My reply was, I was going to make it just as constructive as possible. I stated that we would offer criticism when we felt that criticism was due, and that we would offer any constructive suggestions which we could think of. It has always been our utmost desire not to appear obstructionists and we certainly have hoped that we would never appear as a group who was just looking for something to complain about.

I feel that we have adhered to this policy very religiously and I feel that our conduct so far has been well beyond reproach.

Now we have reached a period in this Legislature when a series of financial problems is going to start to rear its head. We have listened to the Governor's Budget and we have read it and as a result of that there's certain observations which our steering committee has asked me to put before this body. These observations have been drawn up in the form

of a statement, and I could take considerable time to read that statement, but I know everyone is anxious to go home, and this statement has been distributed to you, everybody has a copy of it. I would like to introduce that as part of my remarks.

Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I hope you won't think me presumptuous when I say that I feel we should discuss at every available moment the Budget Message so ably delivered by his Excellency, Governor Reed. It certainly is not a matter that can be digested in a few hours or a few days, it will require long and serious consideration.

At every opportunity, we should inject into our thoughts and opinions, into our discussions in the House, in the corridors, or at the dinner table. If we all do this, I am sure, as the session wears on, with this exchange of views, we will come up with intelligent, honest, constructive legislation.

As I remarked in caucus a short time ago, "The will of the people is the legitimate foundation of government." I'd like to add that it is a contrivance of human wisdom to provide for human wants — it is a trust, and we, as representatives are trustees.

As a freshman Legislator, I am confused and bewildered by the staggering increase in amounts that highways, education, institutions and all functioning departments of the State are asking for in the coming biennium.

I am reminded of a runaway horse dashing crazily down a street until he crashes into some insurmountable obstacle and destroys himself and the load behind him. But if some courageous bystander should reach out and snatch his bride as he sweeps by and bring him to a halt, both horse and load would be saved from destruction.

I don't think I am far out of line when I say that every member here in campaigning for this office promised economy to their

constituents. Let's not betray that trust — let's keep our promises.

There was a time when thrift was a virtue — but now, apparently, it seems to be un-American to save. We should spend, spend some more and keep on spending.

Let's dedicate ourselves to the revival of thrift — keep it breathing for posterity. Let's go down in Maine history as the 100th Legislature that stopped the runaway horse. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: We are proceeding under Orders of the Day. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House: You will find on your desks a copy of the potato pie recipe. This started out to be a promotion for the potato people here. I'm not sure it's not going to be a promotion for me, but anyway it's on the table. (Applause)

Mr. Anderson of Greenville was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As you well know in the near future we will have "Welcome Back Day" for ex-members of this House. The plans are going along, just how fast I don't know. The forms have been printed for you to send out to the Legislators who served in your district or who may have served in another district and are now living in yours.

For those of you who have not sent out invitations, the printed invitations, I would advise you that there will be additional information that will be available Tuesday next. And you may want to wait until such time as you get that information to enclose with the invitation that you send to the Legislators.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to take just a brief moment to announce, before adjournment, some of the statistics we have on hand here at the end of the eighth Legislative week. Reported out of committees two years ago were two hundred twenty-eight items; report-

ed out of committees and to the end of this, the eighth week in the 100th Legislature, compared to the two hundred twenty-eight items, we have reported out four hundred. Two hundred twenty-eight to four hundred.

The Chair would like to remind the members of the House that

there will be a session next Friday at nine o'clock in the morning.

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On motion of Mr. Whitman of Woodstock,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 28, at ten o'clock in the morning.