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Monday, June 12, 1961

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. James Waugh of Hallowell.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be created an interim joint committee to consist of 3 Senators and 5 Representatives appointed respectively by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, to study and report to the 101st Legislature such recommendations concerning the functioning of the Department of Economic Development as may best promote greater benefits in meeting the increasing industrial and recreational needs of the State; and be it further

ORDERED, that the members of the Committee shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this order; and be it further

ORDERED, that there be appropriated to the Committee from the Legislative Appropriation the sum of \$1,000 to carry out the purposes of this order (S. P. 588)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

**Senate Reports of Committees
Divided Report**

Report "A" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Appropriating Money for In-School Educational Telecasting (S. P. 275) (L. D. 876)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. STANLEY of Penobscot
— of the Senate.

Messrs. DAVIS of Calais
BRAGDON of Perham
WELLMAN of Bangor
DRAKE of Bath

— of the House.

Report "B" of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. SAMPSON of Somerset
— of the Senate.

Messrs. PLANTE
of Old Orchard Beach
JALBERT of Lewiston
— of the House.

Report "C" of same Committee on same Resolve reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. DAVIS of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

Mrs. SMITH of Falmouth
— of the House.

Came from the Senate with Report "A" accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House: Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Wellman of Bangor, Report "A" "Ought to pass" was accepted in concurrence on a viva voce vote and the Resolve read once. Under suspension of the rules the Resolve was given its second reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Providing for Construction of an Educational Television Network for the State of Maine" (H. P. 224) (L. D. 435) on which the House accepted Report "A" reporting "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and passed the Bill to be engrossed on June 7.

Came from the Senate with Report "C" reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the House vot-

ed to insist and request a Committee of Conference.

The Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. SCHULTEN of Woolwich

PIKE of Lubec

BRAGDON of Perham

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to sending this bill forthwith to the Senate at this time?

(Cries of "Yes")

The SPEAKER: The Chair hears objection, it will not be sent forthwith.

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

Passed to Be Enacted Enactor Requiring Two-Thirds Vote

An Act to Authorize the Construction of Self-Liquidating Student Housing for the State Teachers Colleges and the Issuance of not Exceeding \$2,600,000 Bonds of the State of Maine for the Financing Thereof (S. P. 585) (L. D. 1637)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a division was had. 107 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of two groups of students. The first group being the eighth grade pupils of Olamon School, Greenbush Maine, accompanied by their teacher, Beatrice Wright.

Also in the gallery is a group of fourth grade pupils from Farmington Falls School, accompanied by their teacher, Elsie Kilponen.

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)

Enactor

Amended

Passed to Be Engrossed

An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Orrington (H. P. 468) (L. D. 668)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Within recent days there have been developments which make an emergency clause unnecessary. Therefore, I move the House reconsider its action whereby we passed this bill to be engrossed for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Thereupon, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action of June 7 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mrs. Baker of Orrington offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 468, L. D. 668, Bill, "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Orrington."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the emergency clause and emergency preamble.

House Amendment "A" was adopted.

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

Mr. ESTEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I find it personally unpleasant to have to oppose Mrs. Baker again on the formation of a school district for the Town of Orrington.

You must recall that this was a nine to one committee report ought not to pass. The late Lester Brown introduced a bill in the 99th Legislature to form a single administrative unit for the district — for the town of Cape Elizabeth, which was defeated. There was one offered also in the 99th for the Town of Scarborough which was defeated and in this Legislature we turned down the formation of small districts for the towns of Appleton and Union simply because they did not meet the required size for the

purpose of offering full accredited programs for high school students.

Before this bill is finally engrossed I think I ought to read into the record a telegram received from the Superintendent of Schools from the City of Brewer. It is addressed to the Chairman of the Education Committee and dated June 5 I believe. Brewer has notified us — oh yes, have contacted Brewer School Committee. Will take Orrington students next year if bill 452 passes. Met yesterday p.m. with sophomore class for next year from Orrington to discuss plans. Met this morning with Superintendent Brown of Bucksport to discuss tentative plans for next year. Ninth grade from Orrington has conferred with Brewer High School Principal to make arrangements regarding increased classes. Size and room arrangements for added numbers next year. Have plan to free two rooms in the junior high school. One to be freed by moving the superintendent's office in order to take Orrington ninth graders next year. District trustees voted June 5 to authorize working plans for four room addition to Brewer High School as soon as possible. Waiting for definite word on 452 before we can make above plans. Final hope—hope plans final. Hope to hear favorable action on 452 soon. 452 as you know has passed both branches to be enacted and was the bill that we referred to in the recent debate which would permit this town to take students and receive its building aid 18 percent at the city of Brewer, and you will remember that we also introduced an amendment to that bill which would provide that they have to give two years' notice before separating these students.

With full realization that Orrington has a problem, and with full realization that they have every right to make an effort to receive all the help and aid that they can, I think we should again consider all the other towns, single towns in the State of Maine that would like to have building aid to help with their problems of growth in their area. I am not just sure what action I should take at this point, whether I should ask to hold this bill one more legislative day

in the hope that many of these towns would offer amendments to it, which I feel is not the proper technique, or whether I should try to indefinitely postpone it. Mrs. Baker has—and we have adopted an amendment which would remove the emergency preamble which as much as says that in the next two years the high school students will be taken care of in Brewer. I would also remind you that the City of Bangor is building a new High School and the City of Bucksport is building a new high school which two years from now hopefully would continue to relieve the situation in this area. By all criteria for size of high school districts, district high schools, the three towns of Holden, Orrington and Eddington should join together and contract their secondary education or build a 300-pupil high school if they need to, but also the contract for their building aid for the elementary level which is also reaching dangerous proportions. Holden and Eddington could well be in this same situation in another year or two years from now. I would therefore move for indefinite postponement of this bill and accompanying papers.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Estey, that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Durgin.

Mr. DURGIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to point out to you before you vote that this Legislature has permitted two single towns to form an administrative district, the Town of Lubec and the Town of Fort Fairfield. Also, this Legislature has passed a bill permitting the Towns of Etna and Plymouth to form an administrative district and send their students to a contracting town, which also does not meet the requirements of the Sinclair Law.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It is true that Brewer has relieved the immediate emergency in this respect, in respect to our high school

pupils, and under the so-called Bass bill we would have a chance for our children to go to high school this coming year. However, the amendment provides that they must give us a two year notice if they wish to drop us again. We feel that that could be worked on us again at anytime at all. We know that Brewer is a very rapidly growing city and we are right close to it, and our town is growing rather fast too. Our school enrollment is increasing at about the rate of 10 percent a year, and if we could have this bill, it is doubtful if we would try to do anything about a high school for perhaps a year or possibly two years. In that time we think and feel very sure from our records which we have projected that we would have a high school of over 300 pupils if we took in our seventh and eighth grades and made it a six-year high school, and that is something we would like very much to do. We have an overcrowded condition already in our elementary grades. We have built elementary classrooms twice within the past ten years and now we are full up and we are going to have to put a temporary room in a basement right now in September for sub-primary children. Our schools are growing very, very rapidly, and I told you the other day that we have no industry in our town, that the expense falls entirely upon the property owners, and we are spending money now at the rate of more than 75 percent of our entire tax commitment going for school purposes. Now we raised money this year for tuition \$72,000. We know now that our next year's budget will have to be \$90,000 for tuition pupils, and the superintendent told me Saturday that it looks as though it will be over \$100,000 in two more years. Now that's quite a burden for a town of 2,500 people. Nevertheless, it is our problem. We think if we could have this bill we could do some very constructive planning. We think probably that we shall be forced to have a high school in a very few years because of our numbers. We know that neither Brewer nor Bucksport or any other place is going to build a school for us when

they get only 18 percent of the construction aid and carry the rest of it themselves. We think that the reason Brewer is willing to do this now is because very soon they expect to need those four rooms themselves at the rate they are growing. So all I can say is we desperately need the bill, and I ask that Mr. Estey's motion to indefinitely postpone this will be turned down.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have much sympathy for these small towns and I have a great deal for Orrington, but as it has turned out now you in your wisdom ladies and gentlemen, have made it possible whereby that Orrington will be taken care of, and that they will be given two years' notice if they cannot go to Brewer.

Now that is all we can legislate for is two years. I think it is well to look ahead, but after all, I think Orrington without this bill is well taken care of, and I am very proud of this Legislature that they have passed 452, it is on the Governor's desk right now and probably will be signed before the day is through, because it not only affects Orrington but it affects my town and a great many towns all over the state, and I think it is a step in the right direction, and at this time to throw any more monkey wrenches in the machinery for the enactment of a law that has been on the books now for several sessions and try to make it any harder for these small areas, I think it is too bad.

Now Orrington perhaps in two years, there are two other towns who are very much in need of going into a district, and when Orrington goes in with those why that will form a very proper district; but if they set up one of their own why there isn't any law to make them take those other two towns in and they will be out in the cold even worse than Orrington was. So I trust this bill will be defeated. I am sorry that it has got this far because I realize that Mrs. Baker has done much work and I brag on her interest for it, but just now with 452 becoming

law which it soon will why we don't need it at all. It'll just — this bill will be just throwing monkey wrenches into the machinery and hurting the educational laws that we have already established to a considerable extent.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Ham.

Mr. HAM: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of this House: I rise only to bring the Education Committee, who has done a considerable amount of work on this immediate problem as well as the problem which L. D. 452 might solve state-wide, up to date, and members of this House. As you already know, Representative Estey has read a telegram which I was rather hurriedly running out looking for as we got into session.

Now further than that, over the weekend I would like this House to know now that our Education Committee has been meeting, is meeting currently, and will continue to meet to solve this Brewer-Orrington problem and it is just about solved. Now, if this L. D. 452 hadn't been passed, the primary concern under it right now, the immediate concern, would have been this Orrington-Brewer problem; there would have probably been others in the future, not with just Brewer, but with other communities throughout our state in a situation such as ours. I would like to say that we well know I believe, I'm not speaking about Mrs. Baker's bill, but I believe Representative Baker will also agree, that the Education Committee put considerable effort, time and study into all bills considered as in regard to this problem, and as far as passage of L. D. 452, it has solved the immediate problem. As far as Mrs. Baker's bill is concerned, I would prefer greatly not to speak against it. I think it should stand on its own merits, but I do assure the Members of this House that the immediate problem between Brewer and Orrington has been satisfied and we hope that it will continue in the future.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Bearce.

Mr. BEARCE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House:

The last time I talked with superintendent of schools, Mr. Brown, who has the Orrington schools as well as Bucksport, he told me that in perhaps a couple years why the new high school in Bucksport would be pretty well filled up; and the fact that someone mentioned that Bucksport would be available, I don't believe. I believe that they should not plan on that, because Bucksport not only contracts or will contract with Verona, Orrington, and Prospect so that they have a fairly heavy schedule.

Now you all know that you can't force these small towns to form a district, and the two small towns that might form a district with Orrington are being taken care of, they are small towns, they are being taken care of by Brewer which is very nice. However, that leaves Orrington right in the middle of things. They are surrounded by a condition that almost makes it necessary for them to form an administrative district. Now this has been done before, this isn't new, I don't think this is a white horse or anything that — we are not violating too much if the conditions are necessary, why there can be exceptions to the rule, and I think this is one of the exceptions to the rule. If two years from now this is not an emergency, but they can work out plans and the possibilities are Brewer may be full two years from now, and they'll have to go ahead on their plans at Orrington. I hope that the motion is defeated to indefinitely postpone this plan.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Durgin.

Mr. DURGIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have no quarrel with 452, I signed that bill out ought to pass; however, I think it does solve Brewer's problem. It gives them eighteen percent construction aid. However, I am not convinced that it does solve Orrington's problem, and I think the bill ought to pass.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Albion, Mr. Cooper.

Mr. COOPER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think we have here a problem with Orrington wherein they have

almost enough pupils to form an administrative district similar to Augusta or well, it wouldn't be as large as that but they have got almost enough, they've got two adjoining towns here, Holden and a part of Eddington, that in all probability if they had a secondary school there it might go in there. I would think that Brewer had about all they could take care of up there. This town of Eddington has almost enough to do the job, and I don't think that we should vote to indefinitely postpone this thing—I think there is something in there where you can have a very efficient operation of education. I hope that this House does not vote in favor of the indefinite postponement of this bill. I think it is a good one.

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

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think that this House should go along today with the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker. This is her area and she knows the local problem up there, and being the chairman of our local school board in South Portland, I know the problem that leaving the children to the mercy of a local town, I mean we have had problems in our area where different towns that wanted to bring their children into South Portland from Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, and take certain courses and we refused them because of the population of our classes at the present time, and a smaller town like that is left at the mercy of these other towns not knowing from year to year whether or not they are going to be able to put their students in the school the next year because everywhere the enrollments are growing every day. I hope that this House will go along with Mrs. Baker, and I would request a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, I am in complete sympathy with the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker, and the views as expressed

by Mr. Hinds. I would say that I was outside the chambers the other day when this matter was first discussed, and it's only now that I realize the import that this has on my town. I would appreciate very much the indulgence of the House if I might make a phone call to my superintendent of schools and accordingly I would move that this be tabled until later in the day.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, that this bill be tabled later in the day pending the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Estey, that it be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: I would ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested on the tabling motion. All those in favor of the motion to table, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had.

Twenty-six having voted in the affirmative and seventy-eight having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Littlefield.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Years ago, there used to be a ferry across the river from Orrington, and we were closely associated with them, and I know that they are people very much like the citizens of the town of Hampden. They can dig out of problems by themselves and do very well at it as has been demonstrated in their lodges and their churches. Now the gentlewoman from Orrington, is trying to form a school district. I wish to inform the ladies and gentlemen of the House that a few years ago Hampden school facilities were at rock bottom, and if we hadn't had a school district, we would have been in worse trouble than we are today. By forming a school district, we were enabled to build a school building costing \$377,000, we have

six hundred children in school under one roof, and an enlargement is being made to the building today. Now we formed the school district, we raised the money; and we didn't have to come to the state for one red cent of it. We are digging out by ourselves. I am sure that the people of Orrington can do the same thing.

It is somewhat surprising that Brewer is quite so interested in the Orrington schools just as present. I don't know what is going on there. And then another thing that I would like to call to your attention, you tell about Holden and Eddington going into an administrative school district with Orrington. Well, we have had a school district for over ten years and we have tried to get different towns in the area to form a school district with us; and at each attempt the little town has voted the school district down. So, that ten years later we haven't any school district. Now if you prevent Orrington from forming a school district today in hopes that Holden and Eddington are coming in, how can you be assured that they will ever vote to go in? I think that the only way to solve the problem in Orrington is to allow those people to form a school district, raise a bond issue, build their schools, and have some facilities for their boys and girls. I rise to oppose the motion of Mr. Estey to indefinitely postpone.

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

Mr. ESTEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I don't want to continue this much longer, I would only clarify a point made by the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Littlefield, is that he was talking about a community school district formed some ten years ago. I would also point out that perhaps each of you should talk, after you return home, with your own superintendent and remind him that you did permit one town to form a school district and receive sixty-two percent state subsidy, but that you didn't bother to ask for that subsidy for your own town. I hope that the motion

to indefinitely postpone does prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Littlefield.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, to clarify the statement made by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Estey, the district at Hampden was a town of Hampden School District. We raised the money without any help from the state whatsoever. It was a bond issue, and bonding companies provided the money to the extent of \$377,000 for the district. This is the same district that Mrs. Baker in Orrington is asking for and I see no harm in it where the towns of Holden and Eddington have given them no assurance that they would ever form a district with them.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question through the Chair of the gentleman who just spoke, whether this was a district — just a school district, or whether it was a district set up under the Sinclair Law?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, has asked a question through the Chair of the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Littlefield, who may answer if he chooses.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: In answer to the gentleman from Bowdoinham, it was a town of Hampden School District, passed by an act of legislature under the Sinclair Law.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, I think there may be some confusion here as to the way that our towns are joined in union. We are in a union now, in a school union, with Bucksport; and the Superintendent of Schools in Bucksport is the Superintendent of Schools in Orrington too. The towns of Holden and Eddington are in a school union with the City of Brewer and the superintendent for those two towns is located in Brewer.

Now as I told you the other day, we have worked very, very hard; we have had numerous meetings all winter long with the towns of Hol-

den and Eddington asking them to come into a district with us, and they are not faced with any great problem at this time and they are not of a mind to join. However, if and when they do want to come, if we had a district we would be more than happy to take them.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Estey, that L. D. 668, An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Orrington, be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, may I approach the rostrum please?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may.

(Conference at rostrum)

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

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I took occasion while the debate was proceeding to call Mr. Lunt, the Superintendent of Schools in Cape Elizabeth, and he is very, very much interested in this and feels that it would be of tremendous help to our town to do it. This was the information that I was looking for when I made my motion to table. I feel that we have done a great deal for our schools in Cape Elizabeth. Our record stands very high on the towns in the state. Accordingly, I feel that in fairness to Cape Elizabeth that we should be included in this.

I think our situation is very, very similar to that of Orrington; and accordingly, with the thought that an amendment would be prepared forthwith and added to include the town of Cape Elizabeth, which I will expedite as much as possible, I would move that this be tabled until later in the legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth moves that the bill be tabled? The Chair would suggest that the gentleman make his tabling motion until tomorrow, since we are almost through today. Will you

kindly withdraw your motion and make another motion please.

Mr. BERRY: I withdraw that and make the new motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, withdraws his first tabling motion and moves that this bill be tabled until tomorrow, pending the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Estey, that it be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Durgin.

Mr. DURGIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House—

The SPEAKER: A tabling motion is not debatable.

Mr. Westerfield of Liberty asked for a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested on the tabling motion. All those in favor of the tabling motion, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had. Forty-seven having voted in the affirmative and seventy having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Estey, that Bill "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Orrington," House Paper 468, Legislative Document 668, be indefinitely postponed and a division has been requested.

All those in favor of the motion to indefinitely postpone, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had.

Twenty-eight having voted in the affirmative and eighty-nine having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and without objection sent forthwith to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Education Laws (S. P. 409) (L. D. 1456)

An Act relating to Salaries of County Officials and Municipal Court Judges and Recorders (S. P. 573) (L. D. 1626)

An Act Redefining the Financial Responsibility of Children and Certain Relatives in Public Assistance (H. P. 1179) (L. D. 1625)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and

strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.