

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Thursday, April 20, 1961

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Alton E. Maxell of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Stanley of Penobscot,

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes in the Senate Chambers the lovely daughter of our equally lovely Page, Mrs. Ruth Foster. At this point the Chair would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum Miss Diane Foster who will serve as honorary page for the day. (Applause)

**Papers from the House**

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Corinna, Hartland and St. Albans to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 1122) (L. D. 1549)

This Bill was approved by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills for appearance on House Calendar.

Comes from the House Referred to the Committee on Education.

In Senate, referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

**Joint Order**

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that H. P. 544, L. D. 741, Bill, "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax." be recalled from the Legislative Files to the House. (H. P. 1121)

Comes from the House, read and passed.

(In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Edmunds of York tabled and especially assigned for tomorrow.)

**Non-Concurrent Matters**

Joint Resolution Relative to Economy of Maine. (S. P. 520)

In Senate, April 14, read and adopted.

Comes from the House Indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Lovell of York, the Senate voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Employment of the Industrial Development Director of the City of Lewiston." (S. P. 233) (L. D. 637)

In Senate, April 11, passed to be engrossed, as amended by Committee Amendment "A". (Filing S-90)

Comes from the House, Committee Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed, and the Bill passed to be engrossed, as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence. (Filing H-198)

(In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, tabled pending consideration, and especially assigned for later in the day.)

**House Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass**

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Creating a Lien on Real Property of Beneficiaries of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled." (H. P. 501) (L. D. 700) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

The Committee on Labor on Bill, "An Act Relating to Time Limitations for Filing Petitions under Workmen's Compensation Act." (H. P. 1000) (L. D. 1401) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass — As Amended**

The Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Length of Motor Vehicle Trucks." (H. P. 435) (L. D. 610) reported that the same Ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-108)

(On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, tabled pending acceptance of the report, and especially assigned for tomorrow.)

**MAJORITY — Ought Not to Pass MINORITY — Ought to Pass—As Amended**

The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Providing for Professional Immunity to Physicians and Osteopaths in Emergency Cases." (H. P. 62) (L. D. 104) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)  
Senator:

MARDEN of Kennebec  
ERWIN of York

**Representatives:**

MINSKY of Bangor  
 SMITH of Bar Harbor  
 BERMAN of Auburn  
 THORNTON of Belfast  
 KNIGHT of Rockland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

(Signed)

**Senator:**

BOARDMAN of Washington

**Representatives:**

RUST of York  
 BEANE of Augusta

Comes from the House, Minority, Ought to pass as amended Report accepted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed, as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-188).

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Marden of Kennebec, the Minority Ought to Pass report of the committee was accepted and the bill read once; Committee Amendment A read and adopted, and the bill tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**MAJORITY — Ought Not to Pass**  
**MINORITY — Ought to Pass**

The Majority of the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act to Reimburse Town of Warren for Cost of Municipal Services Provided for the State." (H. P. 901) (L. D. 1235) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

**Sensors:**

NOYES of Franklin  
 CHRISTIE of Aroostook  
 LOVELL of York

**Representatives:**

KIMBALL of Mount Desert  
 HAUGHN of Bridgton  
 WHITMAN of Woodstock  
 BEARCE of Bucksport  
 DOSTIE of Lewiston  
 NOEL of Waterville

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

(Signed)

**Representative:**

DENNETT of Kittery.

Comes from the House, recommended to the Committee on State Government.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin, recommended in concurrence.

**Second Readers**

**The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following Bills and Resolves:**

**House**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Rental of Northern Cumberland Municipal Court." (H. P. 66) (L. D. 108)

Bill, "An Act Extending the Powers of the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority." (H. P. 78) (L. D. 121)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Allocation of Funds for Purchase of Real Estate by State." (H. P. 285) (L. D. 437)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Use of Appropriation for Education of Physically Handicapped and Exceptional Children." (H. P. 736) (L. D. 1024)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Disqualifying Interest of Judge or Register of Probate." (H. P. 987) (L. D. 1374)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Duties of the Attorney General." (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 1422)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles." (H. P. 1119) (L. D. 1541)

Bill, "An Act Permitting Municipalities to Contract for Public Telephones Along Public Ways." (H. P. 1120) (L. D. 1543)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Salary of Commissioner of Education." (H. P. 776) (L. D. 1058)

In House, Majority Report, Ought not to pass accepted.

In Senate, Ought to pass Report accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

**House — As Amended**

Bill, "An Act to Create the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District." (H. P. 1092) (L. D. 1503) amended by House Amendment A (Filing H-190)

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

**Senate — As Amended**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Obscene Printed or Written Matter or Material." (S. P. 433) (L. D. 1393)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (Filing S-109)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Enactors**

**The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following Bills and Resolves:**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Rental for Brewer Municipal Court." (H. P. 211) (L. D. 306)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Disposition of Income from Out of State Children at Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf." (H. P. 450) (L. D. 650)

Bill, "An Act Eliminating the Tolls from Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge." (H. P. 477) (L. D. 677)

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, placed on the Special Highway Appropriations Table.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Superintending School Committee of Town of Mechanic Falls." (H. P. 513) (L. D. 711)

Bill, "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the Town of Old Orchard Beach." (H. P. 604) (L. D. 863)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Tuition for Pupils Attending Secondary School Outside of Residence." (H. P. 800) (L. D. 1114)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Power of Municipal Court to Order Sentences Served Concurrently or Consecutively." (H. P. 813) (L. D. 1128)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Examination of Alleged Insane Criminals before Municipal Courts." (H. P. 1089) (L. D. 1500)

Bill, "An Act Creating the Richmond Utilities District." (H. P. 1107) (L. D. 1523)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Expending Aroostook County Funds for Maine Potato Blossom Festival." (H. P. 1109) (L. D. 1524)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments to County Law Libraries." (H. P. 1112) (L. D. 1527)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Power of the Universalist Church of Maine to Hold Property." (H. P. 133) (L. D. 1531)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Town of York School District." (S. P. 258) (L. D. 775)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Removal of Buildings Guttled by Fire or Debris Remaining After Building Destroyed by Fire." (S. P. 395) (L. D. 1261)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Form of Standard Fire Insurance Policy." (S. P. 405) (L. D. 1346)

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, tabled and especially assigned for Tuesday next.)

Which Bills were passed to be enacted.

Resolve, in Favor of James E. Woods of Calais. (H. P. 462) (L. D. 662)

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, placed on the Special Highway Appropriations Table)

Resolve, Regulating Ice Fishing on First Musquacook Lake and Second Musquacook Lake, Aroostook County. (H. P. 486) (L. D. 686)

Resolve, Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Need and Cost of a Bridge Across the Androscoggin River. (H. P. 1111) (L. D. 1526)

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, placed on the Special Highway Appropriations Table.)

**Emergency**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Nursing Home in Town of Mars Hill." (H. P. 411) (L. D. 586)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure, and having had the affirmative vote of 28 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

**Emergency**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment of Commissioners Under Maine Housing Authorities Act." (S. P. 509) (L. D. 1528)

Which Bill, being an emergency measure, and having had the affirmative vote of 28 members of the Senate was passed to be enacted.

**Constitutional Amendment**

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Author-

izing the Construction of Industrial Buildings. (S. P. 362) (L. D. 1095)

(On motion by Mr. Davis of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

Mr. MAYO of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, may I approach the rostrum?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may.

At this point, all the members of the Senate, joined the President at the rostrum and extended birthday congratulations. The Pages, on behalf of the Senate, presented the President with a beautifully decorated birthday cake.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. President, I have a poem I would like to read: He likes to choose the work he'll do;

He likes to have his hair cut crew;

He likes to know and feel he's free,

To recognize or "fail to see";

He is no stickler for a date, Certain procedure he leaves to fate;

He dares to risk, to lose, to win;

The record takes it on the chin;

He serves the State in his own way,

He gains in Wisdom day by day;

On April 20 the Senate now learns

And wishes our President

Many Happy Returns!

(Applause)

Mr. NOYES of Franklin: Mr. President, on behalf of the members of the Senate, we would like to present you with this little memento.

PRESIDENT EARLE HILLMAN: Thank you all. Words cannot express my feelings at this moment. I appreciate this very much. I have enjoyed the fun and all I can say is that this gavel will be hung in a very appropriate place in my room, and the card will be framed and placed where it will be seen daily in my home. I thank you all so very much. (Applause)

The President laid before the Senate the 2nd tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 182) (L. D. 428) Senate Reports from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Relating to Transfer of Certain Land by State to City of Portland"; Report A, Ought to

Pass as amended by Committee Amendment A; Report B, Ought not to pass; tabled on April 12 by Senator Noyes of Franklin; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Davis.

Mr. DAVIS of Cumberland: Mr. President, this is a companion bill to another bill now on the table. I would ask the Senate to permit me to retable this bill unassigned and I shall take it off with the other bill. I assure you I will remove it from the table at the earliest possible moment.

The motion to retable prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate the 3rd tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 42) (L. D. 102) Bill, "An Act Authorizing Municipal Construction of Industrial Buildings"; tabled on April 1 by Senator Noyes of Franklin pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was referred to the 101st Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, the 4th tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 809) (L. D. 1123) Bill, "An Act to Field Trials for Beagle Hounds"; tabled on April 18 by Senator Stilphen of Knox pending adoption of Senate Amendment A.

Mr. STILPHEN of Knox: Mr. President, I now yield to the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Chase.

Mr. CHASE of Lincoln: Mr. President, I move that this bill and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. CARPENTER of Somerset: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I gave a fairly lengthy discourse on this beagle bill day before yesterday, and, without any further remarks, I will ask for a division on the gentleman's motion.

Mr. MARDEN of Kennebec: Mr. President, would I be out of order if I asked someone in the Senate to briefly explain both sides of this measure before we stand up or sit down.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Marden, proposes a question through the Chair to any Senator who cares to

answer it, to please kindly explain this bill.

Mr. CARPENTER of Somerset: Mr. President, in answer to Senator Marden's question: This particular bill will set up additional training areas for beagle field trials. We now have, I believe, four in the State, run under the jurisdiction of the Fish & Game Commission and this particular bill would set up an additional field trial district for AKC beagle running.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President, I understood from yesterday's discussion the view explained by the Senator from Somerset, Senator Carpenter, but I did not understand the reason or argument for indefinite postponement or opposition to this bill. I would appreciate having that explained.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator FARRIS, proposes a question through the Chair to any Senator who wishes to answer it.

Mr. STILPHEN of Knox: Mr. President, in answer to the question as well as I can, I will say that at the time of the hearing before the Fish & Game Committee the members of the Beagle Association who are members of the American Kennel Club ardently opposed this particular piece of legislation because they are very well satisfied with the four training areas which are now provided and which are now licensed and are now under the jurisdiction of the Fish & Game Commission.

This particular piece of legislation would be what is termed in the American Kennel Club Beagle Field Trial Rules a licensed field trial, and a licensed field trial is a field trial at which championship points may be awarded, given by a club or association which is not a member of the American Kennel Club but which has been specially licensed by the American Kennel Club to give the specific field trial designated in the license. This bill would further provide that they might be run at any time of the year whether the Inland Fisheries and Game Commission felt they should or not; this would give an outright license to them if they could get a license from the AKC

and they could run them at any time and in any place, because the rules on the courses at the present time require that these beagles be kept on the course; they cannot run off the course, it is a violation of the AKC rules if they do.

This is a pretty broad bill and over-all the Beagle Association of the State of Maine I am sure are opposed to this bill.

The PRESIDENT: Do the remarks of the Senator from Knox, Senator Stilphen, satisfy the Senator.

Mr. FARRIS: Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. CARPENTER of Somerset: Mr. President, may I ask a question through the Chair of the Senator from Knox, Senator Stilphen?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Somerset, Senator Carpenter, addresses a question through the Chair of the Senator from Knox, Senator Stilphen, and that Senator may answer if he wishes.

Mr. CARPENTER: Under the present law, Senator Stilphen, does this permit 13 and 15-inch hounds to compete with each other?

Mr. STILPHEN of Knox: Mr. President, as I understand the present law, they have two-day field trials; they have a field trial on Saturday, for example, with the 13-inch males competing against the 13-inch males and 13-inch females competing against 13-inch females. Now you might ask what a 13-inch and a 15-inch beagle is. I anticipate the question so I perhaps will tell you. A beagle hound is measured from the bottom of his foot to the top of his shoulder, and there are definitely two classes, 13's and 15's, and the 15-inch hounds will run against each other, but they do not compete 13's against 15's. Does that answer the question of the Senator from Somerset?

Mr. CARPENTER: Thank you.

Mr. PARKER of Piscataquis: Mr. President, I realize perhaps that not being a rabbit hunter with beagles I should keep away from this discussion. However, very seriously, I understand at the present time that these trials are being held just across the border in Canada. I also understand that is bringing an increased amount of

revenue to the Canadian Provinces where these trials are held. With the need for additional revenue in the State of Maine I think we should vote for this bill because, if I am correct in the information that I received, this will bring a tremendous amount of revenue into the State of Maine. For that reason, I shall have to vote against the motion of Senator Chase.

The PRESIDENT: The question is on the motion of Senator Chase to indefinitely postpone, and a division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Three having voted in the affirmative and twenty-three opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The President laid before the Senate the 5th tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 822) (L. D. 1137) Bill, "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Registration of Architects"; tabled on April 18 by Senator Porteous of Cumberland pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 6th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 519) (L. D. 1544) Bill, "An Act Authorizing State Park Commission Fees for Services and Accommodations"; tabled on April 18 by Senator Lovell of York pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. LOVELL: Mr. President and members of the Senate, this bill was introduced by our most careful Senator Parker and I have checked during the last few days with the Attorney General and yesterday, with Ex-Governor Baxter, and it has full approval of both. I therefore move that it pass to be engrossed.

The bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the 7th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 165) (L. D.

411) Bill, "An Act Relating to Retirement of Chief Warden of Inland Fisheries and Game"; tabled on April 19 by Senator Carpenter of Somerset pending adoption of Committee Amendment A.

Mr. CARPENTER of Somerset: Mr. President, when I tabled this yesterday the amendment was under discussion and I have since discussed it with Senator Edgar. I do not know whether or not it meets with his approval but apparently he is not opposed to it, so I move the adoption of Committee Amendment "A".

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Secretary.

Mr. DAVIS of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate: As I understand it, this bill now rather than referring to the Chief Warden also takes in the Warden Supervisors, and I am somewhat disturbed about this bill and I am opposed to it.

I think you probably are all aware that this department is somewhat unique in that practically the only opportunity for promotion in the warden service is through the death or retirement of one of the warden supervisors, and if you extend this for another five years I do not think you are offering much inducement for any of the wardens to continue in the warden service.

I am sure you are also aware that many of the duties of this department require more than average physical stamina, and I think probably when the original law was framed to retire these people at 60 this was in mind. I am not yet sixty years of age but I am near enough to it so I know that if I was called upon to accompany one of these wardens on a ten-mile snowshoe hike, for instance, I probably would catch up with him on the second trip around.

I have discussed this matter with several of the wardens and I find that every one of them are opposed to it. In fact one of them told me he had discussed it with his own supervisor who is nearly at the point of retirement age, the age of sixty, and while it would benefit him personally he told him that for the good of the department it should not pass. For this



reason, I move that this bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed and when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

Mr. CARPENTER of Somerset: Mr. President and members of the Senate: Considerable thought was given to this particular bill before it was introduced into the Legislature. After having been connected more or less with the Fish & Game Department through being Chairman of the Fish & Game Committee, I came to realize one day that here at the age of sixty you are asking a man to retire from practically an executive position. We must all realize that over the past years the longevity of life has increased terrifically, and here is a man in the prime of his life that must retire and go out and attempt to supplement his job with some other odd jobs which of course he is not familiar with.

Now I believe it is the duty of the Legislature if they find any inequalities in our retirement system to help correct them, and that is exactly, in my mind, what this bill will do.

As far as many of the wardens objecting to this bill, I myself have not heard one objection. The warden supervisors, who are very competent, with the exception of perhaps one or two, are opposed to the bill. Of course one can not employ the number of employees that the Chief Warden does, so to speak, without having some disgruntled ones.

Now our Fish & Game Commissioner, who is an executive, has no particular retirement age on his agenda. All division heads within the Fish & Game Department may work until they are seventy and cannot be removed without cause. That includes engineers, the head of the Fisheries Division, the head of the Hatchery Division, even the men at the hatcheries and rearing stations can stay in service until they are seventy, and the biologists in the field can stay in service until they are seventy. One biologist becomes sixty years of age this March and he may continue until he is seventy and he cannot be removed without cause. It seems a little bit unfair to me, if we are looking toward economy and

the good service of our Chief Warden—I will say Mr. X Warden, because I would be just as much interested in this bill if it did not have to do with the present Chief Warden, with whom we are all very well acquainted.

I know there has been a lot of work done trying to prevent this bill from going through, but if we believe in equality, in retirement income, and if we believe in the standards and the good job that this particular Chief Warden has done, I believe the bill should receive passage. As I stated before, I am very confident and I feel very secure in stating that there are one or two disgruntled ones—I will say superintendents of wardens—but that should not interfere with our enacting a good type of legislation. Therefore I hope that the motion of the gentleman does not prevail.

Mr. MARDEN of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate: In supporting the motion of Senator Davis I would like, with your permission, to read a letter I received from the Executive Secretary of the Maine State Retirement System, and in this letter he is speaking for the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System.

"I was instructed by the Board to communicate to you in your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions even though the bill was not actually before your committee for original consideration, that they believe this to be purely class legislation and basically they are opposed to it, but if such legislation is to be enacted with respect to certain of the warden force of the Department of Inland Fisheries & Game then most certainly the same privileges should be extended to the same relative positions in the Department of Sea & Shore Fisheries, the Maine State Prison and the State Police force."

Mr. MAYO of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, through the Chair may I address a question to the Senator from Somerset, Senator Carpenter?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Mayo, may address his question through the Chair and the Senator from

Somerset, Senator Carpenter, may answer if he wishes.

Mr. MAYO: Mr. President, I would like to ask the question as to whether or not this particular person we are talking about, is it not possible for him to become reappointed from year to year by the Governor and Council?

The PRESIDENT: Does Senator Carpenter wish to answer the question?

Mr. CARPENTER: It is possible, Mr. President, but there is no assurance.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of Senator Davis of Cumberland, that the bill and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty having voted in the affirmative and seven opposed, the motion prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mrs. Christie of Aroostook, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken earlier in today's session whereby it accepted the Ought not to pass report on Item 6-1 House Report from the Committee on Judiciary, on Bill, "An Act Creating a Lien on Real Property of Beneficiaries of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled" (H. P. 501) (L. D. 700); and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report, and was especially assigned for Wednesday, April 26.

The PRESIDENT: In the Senate Chambers, the Chair recognizes a group of Cub Scouts from Lewiston, accompanied by Mrs. Geiger and Mrs. Tainter. They are guests of Senator Jacques of Lewiston. It certainly is a pleasure to have this group of young men and their leaders with us in the Senate. We hope that your stay is enjoyable, that you enjoy visiting the museum and the House. And we hope that someday you will take your place in the Senate Chambers serving the County in which you live.

At this time I would like to introduce your Senators from Androscoggin County. Senator Couture is absent right now. The other Sen-

ators from Androscoggin County are Senator Boisvert and Senator Jacques. Will the Senators please rise? (Applause)

In the Senate Chambers we have with us today the Chairman of the Governor's Council, the distinguished and Honorable Robert Travis, with his wife and their children Pamela and Susan. They are accompanied by Cherly Small. Some day we will have the Chairman of the Governor's Council come up and give us a speech. (Applause)

In the back of the Chambers the Chair notices the lovely wife of the Administrative Assistant to the Governor—Mrs. Stephen Shaw. (Applause) And sitting with Miss Ross are the wives of two Senators, Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Cyr. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington the Senate voted to take from the table the 19th tabled and unassigned item (H. P. 207) (L. D. 302) Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Omissions in Sea and Shore Fisheries Public Laws"; tabled on March 21 by Senator Wyman of Washington, pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Item 1-4 Bill, "An Act Relating to the Employment of the Industrial Development Director of the City of Lewiston" (S. P. 233) (L. D. 637) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

On motion by Mrs. Christie of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table the 17th tabled and unassigned item (H. P. 1009) (L. D. 1410) House Report from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Repealing to Local Option on Questions Permitting Sale of Malt Liquor on the Premises"; Majority Report, Ought to pass in new draft under a new title of "An Act Relating to Local Option Questions on Sale

of Liquor" (H. P. 1075) (L. D. 1483) Minority Report, Ought not to pass.

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate: You may notice that this was put out in a New Draft which covered all local option questions on the sale of liquor. I am not going to make any long speech on this. There might be a difference of opinion as to whom such a law would benefit, whether it would benefit, those who are interested in the sale of liquor or those who are opposed to the sale of liquor. My feeling is we should have our local option law as it is today, and for that reason I am in favor of defeating this bill which would do away with local option as we have it now and leave it so that each community which wished to do so could have a referendum on the question by filing petitions with twenty-five names in small communities and one hundred names in large communities. It still means that in order to get a local option vote there would have to be a petition under this bill. So I will move the indefinite postponement of this bill and when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

Mr. MAYO of Sagadahoc: Mr. President and members of the Senate, as a member of the Liquor Control Committee which heard this bill and also worked on the new draft, I have to oppose the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Christie. I would also point out to the members of the Senate that this bill has a considerable saving to the state attached to it, the fact that unless the request comes from a town to have the local option vote at the election, the Secretary of State will not print up these ballots and mail them to the towns that do not request it. And we have been told there is possibly an annual saving of \$12,000 to \$15,000—that is, not an annual saving but a saving at election time every two years. I cannot see where it is going to do any great harm to either the wets or dries. Any group that may want to change the laws they are under can very easily get 100 signatures to petition the Secretary of State that the local option question shall

be on the ballot of the next election. I see nothing wrong with the bill as it is written and I hope that the motion of Senator Christie does not prevail.

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would like to call to your attention the fact that there are communities who would be disenfranchised under this bill because it requires 25 signatures for petition, and in some communities there would not be that many voters.

Mr. MAYO of Sagadahoc: Mr. President and members of the Senate, just a short rebuttal to the remarks of Senator Christie of Aroostook, I personally can't visualize a town that would have less than 25 voters. There may be some of those towns but I would think if there are, they are probably up in the unorganized territory where the decision is made by the County Commissioner. The liquor laws say that the County Commissioner shall decide in a case like that. I don't see where it is going to disenfranchise any group in small towns. Possibly someone here could clarify my statement.

Mr. JACQUES of Androscoggin: Mr. President, as a member of the Liquor Control Committee, we had numerous people appear before us for the bill, especially restaurant owners and hotel owners in the resort areas, saying that they do not wish to spend too much money on their hotel or restaurant business, feeling that the money they invest in two years from then the voters might say "We reject the sale of liquor" and that was one of the reasons they refused to spend money on their hotel business. We had numerous persons who wanted to expand their business and that was one reason I went along with the bill.

Mr. PARKER of Piscataquis: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I will have to agree with the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Lord in her reasoning in regard to how she would vote on this bill. I am particularly interested in the remarks by the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Jacques, which I believe is the real reason why a great many of

those that are in favor of this bill attended the hearing. I believe that this proposed bill is one that will liberalize the liquor traffic in the State of Maine, and for that reason I shall support the motion for indefinite postponement. I am very sure that this will possibly save a few dollars to our department that gets out the ballots, the Department of the Secretary of State, but I am also well aware of the fact there are going to be additional time spent in the communities when they wish to get out petitions, so what you are saving on one hand you are losing on the other. I shall vote for indefinite postponement of the bill.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of Senator Christie to indefinitely postpone.

A division of the Senate was had.

Eleven having voted in the affirmative and eighteen opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President, we have communities in our county which I know have less than twenty-five voters and I would appreciate it if Senator Mayo would table this bill and prepare an amendment which would take care of those who would be disenfranchised.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Mayo of Sagadahoc, the bill was tabled pending acceptance of either report and was especially assigned for Tuesday next.

On motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 51st tabled and unassigned item (H. P. 976) (L. D. 1363) House Report "Be referred to Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee", from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act Providing for the Rehabilitation of Alcoholics;" tabled on April 7 by Senator Lord of Cumberland pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland, the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Porteous of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 25th tabled and unassigned item (S. P. 367) (L. D. 1100) Senate Report, Ought Not to Pass from the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Increasing Fee for Motor Vehicle Operator's License"; tabled on March 24 by Senator Porteous of Cumberland pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by that Senator, the Ought not to pass report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.