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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*One Hundred and First
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1963

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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 23, 1963

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Christopher A. Ives of Hallowell.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Orders:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee on Railroad Passenger Service be established, consisting of 2 members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and 3 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; the chairman to be designated by the President of the Senate; and be it further

ORDERED, that the committee confer and negotiate with officials of the Boston and Maine, Maine Central, and Bangor and Aroostook Railroads with regard to ways and means of restoring railroad passenger service to and from points in Maine north and east of Portland through voluntary action on the part of the railroads; and be it further

ORDERED, that the committee report the results of such conferences and negotiations to the 101st Legislature, together with recommendations, if any, for legislative action whereby the State of Maine may cooperate with the railroads in the restoration of such passenger service (S. P. 196)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee, consisting of three members from the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and five members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members to be appointed by the Governor, is hereby created. The Committee is directed to study, determine and report to the 101st Legislature, on or before April 1, 1963, its recommendation of a site for the relocation of the Boys' Training Center. The Committee shall organize forthwith and elect

a chairman to assume the responsibility of coordinating the committee's activities.

The expenses incurred by the Legislative members of the Committee shall be limited to the sum of \$1,000. Such amount to be expended from the Legislative appropriation (S. P. 197)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that any Town Clerk or Board of County Commissioners may, upon written request to the Document Clerk, receive without charge, copies of all printed bills, so that there may be available to the public during the legislative session, a complete and convenient file of all printed bills (S. P. 198)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Orders were read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Enact Legislation Abolishing Future Trading of Potatoes on the New York Mercantile Exchange (S. P. 127) (L. D. 354)

Bill "An Act relating to Weights and Measures of Commodities" (S. P. 132) (L. D. 410)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1964 and June 30, 1965" (S. P. 131) (L. D. 411)

Bill "An Act to Allocate Moneys for the Administrative Expenses of the State Liquor Commission for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1964 and June 30, 1965" (S. P. 135) (L. D. 412)

Resolve Providing Funds to Aid Existing Maine Business to Find Foreign Markets (S. P. 136) (L. D. 413)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Stocking Baxter State Park with Caribou (S. P. 137) (L. D. 414)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Seaboard Finance Company of Pine Tree" (S. P. 138) (L. D. 415)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Seaboard Finance Company" (S. P. 139) (L. D. 416)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Service Facilities by Banks" (S. P. 140) (L. D. 417)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Town of Arrowsic (S. P. 141) (L. D. 418)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Procedure for the Dissolution of School Administrative Districts" (S. P. 142) (L. D. 419)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Premarital Medical Examinations" (S. P. 144) (L. D. 421)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees and Exceptions under Law Regulating Nursing" (S. P. 145) (L. D. 422)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Competitive Bidding on Highways, Bridges and Public Improvements" (S. P. 146) (L. D. 423)

Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1964 and June 30, 1965" (S. P. 147) (L. D. 424)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in York County (S. P. 143) (L. D. 420)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of Persons Pleading Insanity" (S. P. 104) (L. D. 332)

Bill "An Act Providing for Detention of Suspicious Persons by Police Officers" (S. P. 105) (L. D. 333)

Bill "An Act relating to Medical Examiners" (S. P. 106) (L. D. 334)

Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Juvenile Courts in Certain Motor Vehicle Violations" (S. P. 107) (L. D. 335)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalties for Burglary and Larceny" (S. P. 108) (L. D. 336)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Conveyance of Land in Plats without Approval" (S. P. 109) (L. D. 337)

Bill "An Act relating to Responsibility for Injuries by Intoxicated Persons" (S. P. 110) (L. D. 338)

Bill "An Act relating to Counsel for Indigent Persons in Criminal Cases" (S. P. 148) (L. D. 425)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalties for Possession of Narcotic Drugs" (S. P. 149) (L. D. 426)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Time and Penalty for Dogs Running at Large" (S. P. 111) (L. D. 340)

Bill "An Act relating to Investigation of Hunting Accidents" (S. P. 112) (L. D. 339)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Titles by Unregistered Persons in Practice of Architecture" (S. P. 113) (L. D. 341)

Bill "An Act relating to Distribution of Obscene Literature" (S. P. 114) (L. D. 342)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Noncompliance by Owners of Property of Orders for Proper Fire Safeguards" (S. P. 115) (L. D. 343)

Bill "An Act Providing for Inter-local Contracting and Joint Enterprises" (S. P. 116) (L. D. 344)

Bill "An Act relating to Enforcement of Certain Codes in Municipalities" (S. P. 117) (L. D. 345)

Bill "An Act Requiring State License to Sell Firearms" (S. P. 151) (L. D. 427)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Calais to Provide for the Acquisition of a Water System by the City of Calais" (S. P. 118) (L. D. 346)

Bill "An Act Enlarging the Territory of the Parsonsfield Kezar Falls Village Corporation" (S. P. 119) (L. D. 347)

Bill "An Act Amending Charter of City of Calais" (S. P. 152) (L. D. 428)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Municipal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Municipal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Pollution of Waters Forming an International Boundary" (S. P. 120) (L. D. 349)

Bill "An Act Revising the Maine Mining Law" (S. P. 121) (L. D. 348)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress Recommending Full Development of Electric Power Potential of Passamaquoddy Bay and Upper Saint John River (S. P. 129) (L. D. 442)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Trustees of Mexico Water District" (S. P. 122) (L. D. 350)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Calais Water District" (S. P. 165) (L. D. 441)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement Allowances for Certain State Employees after Restoration to Service" (S. P. 153) (L. D. 429)

Bill "An Act relating to Restoration to Service of Disability Retirees under State Retirement System" (S. P. 154) (L. D. 430)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in Pension for Effie L. Warner, of Rumford (S. P. 155) (L. D. 431)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Plugging of Lobster Claws" (S. P. 158) (L. D. 434)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Support of Patients at State Institutions" (S. P. 123) (L. D. 352)

Bill "An Act Creating a Bureau of Corrections within Department of Mental Health and Corrections" (S. P. 124) (L. D. 351)

Bill "An Act Transferring Alcohol Rehabilitation to Department of Mental Health and Corrections" (S. P. 125) (L. D. 353)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries Paid by the State to Minister of the Gospel" (S. P. 156) (L. D. 432)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Full-time Chairman of the Liquor Commission and Increasing Compensation" (S. P. 157) (L. D. 433)

Bill "An Act Providing Expense Reimbursement for Members of the Legislature" (S. P. 159) (L. D. 435)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Exempting Manufacturing Establishments and Mines from Property Tax" (S. P. 160) (L. D. 436)

Bill "An Act relating to Contracts by Municipalities on Property Values and Airports" (S. P. 161) (L. D. 437)

Bill "An Act relating to Trade-in Automotive Replacement Parts under Sales Tax" (S. P. 162) (L. D. 438)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing for County Industrial and Recreational Development Personnel" (S. P. 126) (L. D. 443)

Bill "An Act relating to Lapsing of Funds Appropriated to Construct a Fishway at Aroostook Falls" (S. P. 163) (L. D. 439)

Bill "An Act Providing County Funds for Insurance for Firemen" (S. P. 164) (L. D. 440)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Work on Shade and Ornamental Trees" (H. P. 240) (L. D. 308) which was referred to the Committee on Nat-

ural Resources in the House on January 16.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Wellman of Bangor, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Tuesday, January 29.

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 167)

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION STATE OF MAINE Augusta

To the Senate and
House of Representatives
of the 101st Legislature

Chapter 84, Resolves of 1959, and Chapter 97, Resolves of 1961, authorized the State Highway Commission to make a survey of the Maine-Quebec highway and appropriated a total of \$15,700.00 from the General Highway fund for this purpose.

Following is a summary of the material in the State Highway Commission's files:

(1) Seven quadrangle sheets showing route and various landmarks.

(2) Three quadrangle sheets showing land owners along the surveyed route.

(3) Three quadrangle sheets showing location between the U. S.-Canadian line at St. Pamphile and Little Black River.

(4) Ten survey books ("AQ-1 through AQ-10").

(5) One roll on which horizontal alignment has been plotted to a scale of 1 inch equals 200 feet.

(6) Thirty-nine sheets tracing cloth with alignment plotted to a scale of 1 inch equals 200 feet.

(7) One notebook entitled, "Ashland-Quebec Survey" containing all computations.

Of the original \$15,700.00 there was expended for the above purpose a total of \$15,608.32. The balance of \$91.68 was lapsed on June 30, 1962.

Respectfully submitted,

Maine State Highway Commission
(Signed) DAVID H. STEVENS

David H. Stevens, Chairman.
PERRY S. FURBUSH
Perry S. Furbush, Member.
R. LEON WILLIAMS
R. Leon Williams, Member.

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER

January 17, 1963

Hon. Harvey R. Pease
Clerk of the House of
Representatives
101st Legislature
Sir:

The President of the Senate today appointed Senator Robert A. Cram of Cumberland as a member of the Committee on Claims to replace Senator Cyr of Aroostook who resigned.

Respectfully,

(Signed) CHESTER T. WINSLOW
Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves
Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for State of Maine's Participation in the New York World's Fair, 1964-1965" (H. P. 356) (Presented by Mr. Humphrey of Augusta)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Construction of Self-Liquidating Student Dining Facilities for the Maine Maritime Academy and the Issuance of not Exceeding \$475,000 Bonds of the State of Maine for the Financing Thereof" (H. P. 357) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Funds for Certain Construction at Augusta State Airport (H. P. 358) (Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Augusta)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Providing Funds for Research on Marine Vegetation Utili-

zation (H. P. 359) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Treatment of Lakes Sabattus and Annabessacook to Eliminate Aquatic Growth (H. P. 360) (Presented by Mr. Thaanum of Winthrop)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

**Business Legislation
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Cigarette Vending Machines" (H. P. 361) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Tuesday, January 29.)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Elco Acceptance Corporation" (H. P. 362) (Presented by Mr. Noel of Waterville)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Domestic Acceptance Corporation" (H. P. 363) (Presented by Mr. Wade of Skowhegan)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

**Constitutional Amendments
and Legislative Reapportionment**

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Sheriff to Four-Year Terms (H. P. 364) (Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Augusta)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

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.

Education

Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 20" (H. P. 365) (Presented by Mr. Ayoob of Fort Fairfield)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 24" (H. P. 366) (Presented by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Corinna and Newport to Form a School Administrative District" (H. P. 367) (Presented by Mr. Osgood of Corinna) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve Providing for a Traffic Blinker in the Town of Orland (H. P. 368) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing a Review of Maine Highway User Tax Study (H. P. 369) (Presented by Mr. Wellman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Burlington (H. P. 370) (Presented by Mr. Whitney of Winn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Maranacook Lake, Kennebec County (H. P. 371) (Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolves Regulating Fishing in St. Croix River, Washington County (H. P. 372) (Presented by Mr. Townsend of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing on Part of Kennebec River, Somerset County (H. P. 373) (Presented by Mr. Wade of Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing on Part of Moose River, Somerset County (H. P. 374) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing on Part of Roach River, Piscataquis County (H. P. 375) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing on Part of Kennebec River, Piscataquis County and Somerset County (H. P. 376) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of Security under Financial Re-

sponsibility Law" (H. P. 381) (Presented by Mr. Waltz of Waldoboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing the Estate of Frank E. Lemli, Formerly of The Forks, Maine to Sue the State of Maine (H. P. 382) (Presented by Mr. Noel of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Minors under Eighteen Years of Age" (H. P. 377) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Repealing the Beano Laws" (H. P. 378) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Repealing Pari Mutuel Horse Racing" (H. P. 379) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Electrician Licensing Law" (H. P. 380) (Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Municipal Affairs

Bill "An Act Providing for a New Charter for the City of Waterville" (H. P. 383) (Presented by Mr. Baldic of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Chief Engineer of Fire Department of City of Westbrook" (H. P. 384) (Presented by Mr. Boissonneau of Westbrook by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Town Clerk by Board of Selectmen" (H. P. 385) (Presented by Mr. Crockett of Freeport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Registrar of Voters of Town of Rumford Holding Other Town Offices" (H. P. 386) (Presented by Mr. Jobin of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Create the Georges Valley Community School District" (H. P. 387) (Presented by Mr. MacPhail of Owl's Head)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Election of Constables in City of Portland" (H. P. 388) (Presented by Mrs. Oakes of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Superintending School Committee of Town of Baileyville" (H. P. 389) (Presented by Mr. Townsend of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act relating to Classifying Part of Medomak River and Certain Waters In and Bordering Waldoboro" (H. P. 390) (Presented by Mr. Waltz of Waldoboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Permitting Public Utilities Commission to Extend Time for Filing Public Utility Balance Sheets" (H. P. 391) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the West Paris Water District" (H. P. 392) (Presented by Mr. Hammond of Paris)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Mexico Sewer District" (H. P. 393) (Presented by Mr. O'Leary of Mexico)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Corinna" (H. P. 394) (Presented by Mr. Os-good of Corinna)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Stonington Water District" (H. P. 395) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Stonington)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Resolve to Provide Retirement Credit for Seth A. Whitcomb of Readfield (H. P. 396) (Presented by Mr. Thaanum of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Repeal Certain Special Resolve Pensions (H. P. 397) (Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Alewives in the St. George River in the Towns of Thomaston, South Thomaston, St. George and Cushing" (H. P. 398) (Presented by Mr. MacPhail of Owl's Head)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act Regulating Archaeological Excavation" (H. P. 399) (Presented by Mr. Mendes of Topsham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Mileage Allowance for State Employees on State Business" (H. P. 400) (Presented by Mr. Thaanum of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing the Disposal of Western Maine Sanatorium (H. P. 401) (Presented by Mr. Scott of Wilton)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Certain Inhabitants of Webster Plantation, Penobscot County (H. P. 402) (Presented by Mr. Whitney of Winn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Repealing Sales Tax Exemption on Automobiles and Aircraft Purchased by Nonresidents" (H. P. 403) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax" (H. P. 404) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Strong)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to recognize at this time the presence in the gallery of the House of the eighth grade class of Crescent Park School of Bethel. There are approximately eighty pupils accompanied by their principal, Mr. Charles Heino, and two teachers, Mrs. Gunther and Mr. Bragdon.

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

**House Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass
Printed Bills**

Mr. MacLeod from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Investments in Securities of Regulated Investment Companies" (H. P. 6) (L. D. 12)

Mr. Wade from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Resolve Providing Funds for Conservation Education (H. P. 47) (L. D. 70)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bill read twice, Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Jay Village Water District" (H. P. 68) (L. D. 41)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman.

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would inquire if the House has in its possession House Paper 353, "An Act relating to Property Tax Appeals."

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman that the paper is in the possession of the House.

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that we reconsider our action of yesterday whereby we referred this bill to the Taxation Committee. If we so reconsider our action, I would like to see this bill sent to the Judiciary Committee. I feel that this is a problem that probably should best be handled by them. I would ask for reconsideration.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman, moves that we reconsider our action whereby we assigned House Paper 353 to the Committee on Taxation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, on further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair has the sad duty of announcing the tragic and untimely death of the Honorable William G. Earles of South Portland, which occurred yesterday afternoon by accident on his return home from duties here during the session yesterday morning.

Representative Earles was held in high esteem by all who served with him, and we extend our sympathy to the family and his host of friends.

At this time, the Chair will recognize the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett.

Mr. Crockett of Freeport presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

STATE OF MAINE
101ST LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

January 23, 1963

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred and First Legislature have learned with profound sorrow of the death yesterday of an esteemed colleague, Honorable William G. Earles, Representative from South Portland, and a member of the House of Representatives in 1955, 1957 and 1959;

AND WHEREAS, in his association with the members of this House he was ever honorable and kindly, being highly regarded for his character and sterling qualities of mind and heart;

AND WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives sense in his passing a personal loss and a genuine grief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the State of Maine mourns the loss of a faithful and valued public servant, and the members of the House of Representatives lament the departure of an esteemed and trusted friend;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That these Resolutions be entered in the Journal of the House and an engrossed copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That as a further token of respect the House do now stand adjourned.

The Resolution was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time will appoint the delegation from Cumberland County to attend the services which will be held on

Friday morning at ten o'clock at the Holy Cross Church in South Portland.

In accordance with the above Resolution, the House stood adjourned until one-thirty o'clock tomorrow afternoon.