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STATE OF MAINE

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DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL
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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 27, 1963

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robert Canfield of Gardiner.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair this morning is pleased to recognize in the balcony of the House, the Civics Class of Sabattus High in Webster, Maine, and also the United States History Class and the World Geography and Culture Class, accompanied by their chaperones Mrs. Margaret Hart and Mrs. John Lawler.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you young people a warm and cordial welcome and we trust that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us this morning. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair would assign to the Joint Standing Committee on Election Laws, Representative John E. Gill of South Portland. And for the Committee on "Welcome Back Day," the Chair would assign to this committee the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett; the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce; and the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

The following 7 Bills which were referred to the 101st Legislature by the 100th Legislature:

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Town of Warren for Cost of Municipal Services Provided for the State" (S. P. 509)

Bill "An Act relating to Control of Structures Near Airports" (S. P. 510)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Municipal Construction of Industrial Buildings" (S. P. 511)

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Town of Thomaston for Cost of Municipal Services Provided for the State" (S. P. 512)

Bill "An Act relating to Joint Bank Accounts" (S. P. 514)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Creation of Municipal Sewerage Systems" (S. P. 515)

Bill "An Act Establishing the Uniform Commercial Code" (S. P. 516) Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

In the House, indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Plugging of Lobster Claws" (S. P. 158) (L. D. 434)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters of Somerset and Kennebec Counties (S. P. 207) (L. D. 517)

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries Paid by the State to Minister of the Gospel" (S. P. 156) (L. D. 432)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Rental of Space in County Buildings by State Departments" (S. P. 377) (L. D. 1043)

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

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Oscar Hanley of Newcastle (S. P. 49) (L. D. 99) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 49, L. D. 99, Resolve, in Favor of Oscar Hanley of Newcastle.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the 2nd line the figure "\$1,500" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$500'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Authorizing Anthony M. Look and the A. M. Look Canning Company to Sue the State of Maine (S. P. 248) (L. D. 622) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 248, L. D. 622, Resolve Authorizing Anthony M. Look and the A. M. Look Canning Company to Sue the State of Maine.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the 9th line the words "first day of August, 1963" and inserting in place therein the underlined words 'effective date of this resolve'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Revenue Bonds" (S. P. 340) (L. D. 1005) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as

amended by Committee Amendment "A."

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 340, L. D. 1005, Bill, "An Act Relating to Municipal Revenue Bonds."

Amend said Bill in the 3rd line of subsection I of that part designated "Sec. 15." by striking out the underlined figure "10 percent" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '20 percent'

Further amend said Bill in the 4th line of subsection III of that part designated "Sec. 16." by striking out the underlined word "capital"

Further amend said Bill in the first line of paragraph B of subsection VI of that part designated "Sec. 16." by striking out the underlined word "Contributions" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'Annual contributions'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is very pleased this morning to recognize back of the rail of the House, a group of young people, and I believe that any resident of the State of Maine can speak with pardonable pride of the Edward Little High School ski team. The citizens of Auburn in particular can be expected to swell with pride at the accomplishments of their team this season. We have a tribute to the Edward Little High School for the fine spirit, true sportsmanship and ability which is typical of American champions.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you young men a warm and cordial welcome and pay tribute to your efforts and we are very happy that you attended our sessions this morning. (Applause)

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act

relating to Investment of Municipal Funds" (S. P. 308) (L. D. 974)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. BROWN of Hancock
 Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln
 Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset
 — of the Senate.

Messrs. MacLEOD of Brewer
 WATKINS of Windham
 SCOTT of Wilton

Mrs. VAUGHN of Peru
 Messrs. OBERG of Bridgton
 BLOUIN of Sanford
 — of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. KARKOS of Lisbon
 — of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House: Reports were read, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
 SENATE CHAMBER
 Augusta

February 21, 1963

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

Sir:

The President of the Senate today appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate to join the House on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on:

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Sanitariums" (H. P. No. 833) (L. D. No. 1220)

Senators:

HINDS of Cumberland
 WHITTAKER of Penobscot
 COUTURE of Androscoggin
 Respectfully,

(Signed)

CHESTER T. WINSLOW
 Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Jones of Farmington, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Rodman Cart of the Congregational Church, Farmington, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, April 9, 1963.

On motion of Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Fred Holmberg of Christ Church, Kennebunk, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, March 19, 1963.

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.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Brownville, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Milton Smith of the Methodist Church, Brownville Junction, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 10, 1963.

On motion of Mr. Cookson of Glenburn, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Harry Hubble of the Glenburn and North Bangor Covenant Churches, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, March 12, 1963.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Brewer from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Carroll Beal of Skowhegan (H. P. 198) (L. D. 267)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mrs. Lincoln from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Orient for Aid to State Paupers (H. P. 430) (L. D. 635)
 Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Williams of Hodgdon, tabled pending acceptance

of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6.)

Mr. Susi from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Washington for Aid to State Paupers (H. P. 422) (L. D. 575)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act to Create a Recess Committee to Study the Desirability and Need of Establishing a Department of Vocational Rehabilitation" (H. P. 501) (L. D. 703) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WHITTAKER OF Penobscot
LOVELL of York

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Aroostook
— of the Senate.

Messrs. DENNETT of Kittery
BERMAN of Houlton
THAANUM of Winthrop
BERRY of Cape Elizabeth
DOSTIE of Lewiston
CARTIER of Biddeford
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. SMITH of Strong
— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett, moves that the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Smith.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is not my wish to debate this but I do want to let you know why I could not see clear to sign along with the majority. Actually, I am serving on

a committee with some of the finest and most respected people that I have ever met. This is about the only time that I have ever had to differ with them.

If you will look over this bill, you will find that it creates a Recess Committee to study the need of establishing a department. Any of you who have been in State Government very long know that any new department starts in this way, starts in just as a little pea. That little pea grows and finally ends up by being a new department. If you folk feel that you can take the chance of, five or six years from now, having another state department, having a bigger state government, having more finances to raise through taxation, go along with the majority report; pass it.

However, if you feel that you want to put the brakes on these things, keep government from getting any bigger, stop the expansion of new departments, this is the place to do it. If you do not accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report, then of course the next step would be to accept the Minority "Ought not to pass." I would request a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will endeavor to be very brief. I too quite agree with the Representative from Strong on many, many things. On this particular item I do feel that our difference of opinion is perhaps caused by the way that we have slandered the testimony that was introduced before this committee. As you note, the majority of the Committee on State Government signed the "Ought to pass" report. This does not create a new department within the State. I think that I feel as strongly about state expenditures as does the Representative from Strong. I do not feel that this will create any great expenditures. As a matter of fact, from the testimony introduced at this hearing and due to the overlapping of the various departments which are handling this particular subject, I feel that a Recess Committee might possibly come up with some-

thing that might be a saving within the state.

Now we have many departments within the state and I don't think that we could function without these departments. I certainly would not want to be a party to the creation of a new and useless department; but I reiterate that this creates nothing. It is simply a study to see perhaps if we can't work out something that can function better this particular subject, this subject of rehabilitation; and perhaps ultimately save the state a few dollars. I trust that you might accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett, that the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report on Bill "An Act to Create a Recess Committee to Study the Desirability and Need of Establishing a Department of Vocational Rehabilitation," and a division has been requested.

All those in favor of the motion to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred seventeen having voted in the affirmative and eight in the negative, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 501, L. D. 703, Bill "An Act to Create a Recess Committee to Study the Desirability and Need of Establishing a Department of Vocational Rehabilitation."

Amend said Bill in the title by striking out the word "Vocational".

Further amend said bill in the headnote of Sec. 1 by striking out the underlined word "Vocational"; and by striking out in the 3rd line the word "Vocational"; and by striking out in the 7th line the word "vocational".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would request that the Sergeant-at-Arms conduct the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry, to the rostrum to serve as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Berry assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem amid the applause of the House and Speaker Kennedy retired from the Hall.

Passed to Be Engrossed

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

Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Town of Fairfield School District" (H. P. 158) (L. D. 331)

Bill "An Act Increasing Territorial Limits of Presque Isle Sewer District" (H. P. 166) (L. D. 215)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Bureau of Public Improvements to Study Desirability of a Dam Across Taunton River" (H. P. 331) (L. D. 458)

Bill "An Act relating to Election of Constables in City of Portland" (H. P. 388) (L. D. 587)

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Corinna" (H. P. 394) (L. D. 593)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Stonington Water District" (H. P. 395) (L. D. 594)

Bill "An Act Providing for Approval of Bonds or Notes at Special Elections in City of Saco" (H. P. 474) (L. D. 677)

Bill "An Act Amending Charter of City of Portland Concerning Rotation on Candidates' Names on Ballots" (H. P. 481) (L. D. 684)

Bill "An Act to Provide Survivor Benefits for Certain Members of the Police and Fire Departments of City of Portland" (H. P. 483) (L. D. 685)

Bill "An Act relating to False Report of Deposit of Bombs or Other Infernal Devices" (H. P. 981) (L. D. 1420)

Bill "An Act Exempting Proceeds of Pension and Profit Sharing Plans from Inheritance Tax Law" (H. P. 983) (L. D. 1422)

Resolve Regulating Fishing on Part of Kennebec River, Somerset County (H. P. 373) (L. D. 546)

Resolve Providing Funds for Windbreaker on Bridge Between Old Town and Indian Island (H. P. 443) (L. D. 648)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Mill Brook, Hanover, Oxford County (H. P. 533) (L. D. 750)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Size of Salmon Taken from Waters of Aroostook County" (H. P. 281) (L. D. 375)

Bill "An Act Revising the Maine Voluntary Apprenticeship Law" (H. P. 340) (L. D. 497)

Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Mexico Sewer District" (H. P. 393) (L. D. 592)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Increasing Mileage Allowance for State Employees on State Business" (H. P. 400) (L. D. 599)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

(On motion of Mr. Taylor of South Portland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 14.)

Bill "An Act Increasing Funeral Allowance in Public Assistance Cases" (H. P. 560) (L. D. 775)

Resolve Authorizing Amanda Moreau to Bring Action Against the State of Maine (H. P. 112) (L. D. 156)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Piscataquis County (H. P. 213) (L. D. 282)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters of Aroostook, Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties (H. P. 453) (L. D. 657)

Resolve Correcting Designation of Beneficiary of Mary M. Hanks under Maine State Retirement System (H. P. 500) (L. D. 702)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the Bill read the third time, Resolves read the second time, all passed to

be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Tabled and Assigned

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Pleasant Pond, Island Falls and Township 4 Range 3, Aroostook County (H. P. 536) (L. D. 753)

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

(On motion of Mr. Wade of Skowhegan, tabled pending second reading and tomorrow assigned.)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Jones Pond, Hancock County (H. P. 594) (L. D. 832)

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

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

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

Finally Passed Emergency Measure

Resolve Providing Industrial Accident Payments to Mrs. Jeanne T. Smith of Thomaston (S. P. 32) (L. D. 26)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I notice that this is down as an emergency measure. I notice on the L. D. it does not carry an emergency preamble. Is that done by committee amendment?

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the first three paragraphs of the Resolve.

Thereupon, the Clerk read the first three paragraphs of the Resolve.

This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the

members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 125 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Testamentary Additions to Trusts (S. P. 37) (L. D. 30)

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

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

An Act relating to Retirement Benefits for Members of the Lewiston Police Department and Members of the Lewiston Fire Department and Pensions for Their Beneficiaries (S. P. 185) (L. D. 484)

An Act Amending the Criminal Sanctions Provisions of the Banking Law (S. P. 213) (L. D. 523)

An Act to Incorporate "The Maine Association of Life Underwriters, Incorporated" (S. P. 238) (L. D. 612)

An Act relating to Duties and Compensation of Council of Town of Oakland (H. P. 4) (L. D. 24)

An Act relating to Method of Taking Smelts in Fish River Chain of Lakes, Aroostook County (H. P. 37) (L. D. 60)

An Act Revising Laws Relating to Panel of Mediators (H. P. 113) (L. D. 157)

An Act relating to Organization of Police Department of City of Lewiston (H. P. 238) (L. D. 306)

An Act relating to Property Tax Appeals (H. P. 353) (L. D. 604)

An Act to Incorporate Elco Acceptance Corporation (H. P. 362) (L. D. 535)

An Act to Incorporate the Domestic Acceptance Corporation (H. P. 363) (L. D. 536)

An Act Prohibiting Anchored Boats in Earley Salmon Pool, Piscataquis County (H. P. 445) (L. D. 650)

Finally Passed

Resolve Regulating Salmon Fishing in Tunk Lake, Hancock County and Nahmakanta Lake, Piscataquis County (H. P. 5) (L. D. 11)

Resolve Granting World War I Bonus to Albert C. Lorentzen of Portland (H. P. 195) (L. D. 264)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Mill Privilege Lake, Carroll and T. 5, R. 1, Penobscot County (H. P. 209) (L. D. 278)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Fifth Debsconeag Lake, Piscataquis County (H. P. 211) (L. D. 280)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Moosehead Lake, Somerset and Piscataquis Counties (H. P. 215) (L. D. 284)

Resolve in favor of Edwin C. Chick of Norway (H. P. 268) (L. D. 362)

Resolve Regulating Fishing on Part of Roach River, Piscataquis County (H. P. 375) (L. D. 548)

Resolve Regulating Fishing on Part of Kennebec River, Piscataquis County and Somerset County (H. P. 376) (L. D. 549)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Middle Branch Pond, Piscataquis County (H. P. 458) (L. D. 662)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Dow Pond, Piscataquis County (H. P. 459) (L. D. 663)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Authorizing the Estate of Frank E. Lemli, Formerly of The Forks, Maine, to Sue the State of Maine (H. P. 382) (L. D. 551)

Tabled — February 13, by Mr. Rust of York.

Pending — Acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor, retabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Extending the Powers of the Maine-New Hampshire Inter-

state Bridge Authority." (H. P. 439) (L. D. 644)

Tabled — February 19, by Mr. Dennett of Kittery.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

On motion of Mr. Dennett of Kittery, retabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority to Prepare Plans for Construction of an Additional Bridge and Approaches Connecting Portsmouth, New Hampshire with Kittery, Maine." (H. P. 440) (L. D. 645)

Tabled — February 19, by Mr. Dennett of Kittery.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

On motion of Mr. Dennett of Kittery, retabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Power of Eminent Domain of Maine State Park Commission." (S. P. 77) (L. D. 185) In House Read Twice — Committee Amendment "A" adopted— (Filing No. S-5)

Tabled — February 19, by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

Pending — Third Reading.

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

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As you perhaps saw last week, a bill was introduced which would in effect make this a — this bill which we now have before us, into a private and special bill. I have discussed the handling of this bill with the House and Senate Chairmen of the Judiciary Committee, and I would now move that this bill be recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

Thereupon, the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

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

An Act to Reconstitute School District No. 2. (H. P. 94) (L. D. 138) — Engrossed in both Branches.

Tabled — February 19, by Mr. Easton of Winterport.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Easton of Winterport, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6.

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

HOUSE MAJORITY REPORT — Ought not to pass — MINORITY REPORT — Ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing No. H-37) — Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Accreditation of Secondary Schools." (H. P. 23) (L. D. 47)

Tabled — February 20, by Mr. Easton of Winterport.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton.

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, first of all I would move the acceptance of the Minority Report with the amendment therein contained, and beg leave to speak on the motion.

In my opinion, this is a good bill. It was initiated by a sub-committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Education. It resulted from an apparent misconception held by many people, many parents, many colleges, as to the present meaning of the word accreditation. Most of us I believe, feel that the word accreditation refers to a mark of educational excellence, a certification, as it were, of educational excellence. Under the present regulations, however, promulgated by the Department of Education under the existing statute, many fringe items are required as a prerequisite to present accreditation.

For example, in order to be accredited, a school must have, Must Have, an auditorium, a gymnasium, a suitable lunchroom or dining room to accommodate the pupils who need this service, a general office

planned and arranged for effective use, and a private office for the principal, a clinic, home and family living education, a half semester course in health, and other items of similar note.

In interpreting these regulations, the sub-committee of which I speak, endeavored to secure from the Department, the records on schools which had sought accreditation. We were unable to secure any of these records. However, we were given by the Department, plucked at random, the results of two schools, one large, one small, the names of which I have no idea. One, a large school, was denied accreditation because it must rewrite its philosophy, though perhaps that is not difficult because if one knows the teacher, one can always rewrite what the teacher wants. It was required to provide more bulletin board space or perhaps this could be done without too much difficulty. It was required to have a first-aid room with cots or beds; required to add the half unit health course; required to add a private office for the principal, and expand physical education requirements.

On the small school, the requirements for accreditation were that the school add one certified librarian for each one hundred students; the inevitable first-aid room; the inevitable half unit of health course, and a gymnasium.

Now the proposed bill in no way affects the present law or regulations with respect to accreditation. What it does do is provide academic accreditation in addition to the existing law. This academic accreditation will enable parents, colleges and schools to either be accredited or not accredited, and if they are not accredited, under either system have no excuse therefor.

Now what does this bill accomplish? It accomplishes this. In addition perhaps it gives the poorer towns which cannot afford gymnasia and some of the other trivia we have spoken of, it enables these smaller towns, poorer towns, to shoot for something, to shoot for a good academic education for their children.

Finally perhaps, this bill does one other thing, it will provide a small step, but a step, towards long and sorely needed recognition that academic excellence is something to be desired for its own sake. I move a division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, that the House accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, for several reasons. I too have been concerned with the role that the State Department of Education is playing in the methods by which they seek accreditation. I would like to give you an illustration of this. Several years ago we built a high school, and the school district trustees spent more time with the Home Economics Department trying to get them to agree to the rooms to be built than we did in drawing up the plans. One of the prime reasons is the fact that we only wanted one bedroom to teach the girls how to make a bed rather than to have two. And they also were concerned more with the plumbing of the dishwasher than they were with the course being taught. For these reasons, I feel that the emphasis on accreditation should be put on academic studies and not on the frills which they insist upon.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brownville, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, in reply to the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, I come from one of the poor towns, and fortunately we have an accredited high school. It is one of two in Piscataquis County and we're proud of it. Now we met all the requirements that the State asked for and that the committee asked for. Among other things, we had to put hot and cold showers in of course for the boys and girls. We had to put safety railings on our stairs. We already had a gym, and I don't see where any of those requirements hurt us.

Now here is the point that I would like to bring out, we are very proud of the fact that we are one of the two schools in the county that are accredited, and I would hate to see the standards lowered so that other schools get the same recognition without having to go through all that we went through. It took us two years to get there and we are proud of it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Anson, Mr. Viles.

Mr. VILES: Mr. Speaker, I come from a small town with a high school of an enrollment of less than a hundred. We are fortunate that we have a gymnasium, and the only thing left to get accredited is the full time librarian. Now when you add \$6,500 to a budget which takes approximately sixty percent of your tax dollars now, these seem pretty stiff requirements, and I would support the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jonesboro, Mr. Snow.

Mr. SNOW: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to weary you folks or tire myself with the argument. It think the argument boils down, we have two concepts of education in the State of Maine today. One understands education as more of a social operation. I think probably the word is to make our children well-rounded in society and not to disturb the placidity of the surface. The other concept is that it is thoroughly a mental situation to improve the intelligence of our children.

The second thing is the point of our origin. I come from a county which is a county of small schools. I can go further than that, it is a county of little schools. I live in a town of 428 population, that isn't voting population, that is population, and we run a secondary school. We have no juvenile delinquency. We are not concerned with drop-outs. The thing that we would like to do is be able to get accreditation without some of the frills. It isn't that we don't love our children, we wish to give it to them; we just can't afford both. We can afford the intellectual education. Our children do well in achievement and higher ed-

ucation, those of us who can afford to send them. So I am a signer of the Minority Report and normally would have to be with Mr. Easton.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. McGee.

Mr. McGEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Being a member of this Education Committee that considered this bill, we gave it a good hearing and long and courteous consideration, and the majority feels I know as I do that it would be a step backward in the education program to accept the Minority Report. The State Board of Education I know is in favor or spoke along the same lines that we formed judgment on the Majority Report. I hope that this House would consider favorable the Majority Report on this bill, and I am not in favor of the present motion on the Floor.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gorham, Mr. Treworgy.

Mr. TREWORGY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a signer of the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" I am opposed to the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, which is before the House. The background of state accreditation goes back to 1955. These standards have been drawn up by an advisory committee appointed by the Commissioner of Education. The standards which were in effect, placed in effect by the original advisory committee, have since been altered, approved and changed; a new advisory committee to set up revised standards for accreditation are now in effect. I think that they have worked to the advantage of education in the State of Maine. It does give a yardstick and a goal for schools and communities to aim at, to upgrade their education in the community. We realize, and they realize, that some towns will not be able to meet the standards that are established by this advisory committee for full accreditation. I happen to come from a community which has fairly recently been able to acquire full accreditation. We are rather proud of it. The general analysis that they require in any

community in order to acquire accreditation is good for a community, it is a self-analysis. A committee visits the community and makes suggestions to revisions and curriculum and in some instances physical plant. I would hate to see these standards lowered to the point where communities would be able to get accreditation without meeting the standards established by this advisory board.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a signer of the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report on this bill, I think the Department of Education has shown their good common sense in taking almost five years in putting the system of accreditation that we now have in the State of Maine. The enabling legislation was passed in 1955 and it wasn't until the school year 1960-'61 until the system was actually put into being. I think by accepting the Minority Report that is now before you that we are going to be faced in the State of Maine, and we can only foresee in the future that if we get into these two systems of accreditation, what will it do to the educational system that we now have in the State of Maine, of having two sets of accreditation for the same educational system in our State, so I urge you people to vote against this Minority Report. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterboro, Mr. Bradeen.

Mr. BRADEEN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of this House: We are discussing L. D. 47, which in effect proposes to establish another type, another grade of accreditation for our secondary schools. I can assure you one and all that your committee, and you have the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report before you for consideration today, explored the various angles of this matter impartially, objectively and very carefully.

About a third of a century ago a certain distinguished American occupied the White House. It was reported that he said with reference to the 18th amendment that that

particular law or amendment was an experiment noble in purpose. I can assure you people that many of his fellow citizens of that day while they agreed with the nobility of purpose involved, also felt that he characterized the law properly as an experiment. I see somewhat of an analogy here. This particular bill which would provide for the people of our State academic accreditation has an objective which I cheerfully admit is noble in purpose, but I feel that in following and trying to realize that objective, you are going to downgrade the general status of the secondary schools in Maine today. In common with many other people, I am not entirely satisfied with various items in the criteria which is used by the State Department of Education for purpose of arriving at the accreditation standards of any specific high school, secondary school, but after all is said and done my friends, we have to have some standard, and while I recognize that there are many small schools in this state who have exceedingly competent instructors who are able to turn out young men and young women well-trained by reason of a curriculum which is designed for that particular school perhaps because of the reason that the community is not large enough to provide any larger school, I think that too much stress has been given to the height of the principal's office in the new school building; the track outside, the ceramic tile maybe in some of the toilet facilities; the size of the auditorium or gymnasium, and the stainless steel kitchen with the walk-in refrigeration; but nevertheless, I say this to you, that if you adopt this particular bill, you will take away in large measure from your smaller communities the incentive to build better school plants in which their children shall be educated in a demanding and challenging day. For that reason, let us not adopt a measure which in any way might tend to downgrade our school system. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, will not prevail, and when the vote is taken may I suggest that it be by division. I thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise in support of Mr. Bradeen, the gentleman from Waterboro. I come from a small town; we have a small high school; we have been striving over the last seven years to meet the State's program of accreditation and we are well along on our way to meet it. I sincerely hope that those of us who have tried to meet this program won't be faced with a wrong decision by this Legislature in our attempts and our hopes.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton.

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, the time is approaching when we will vote on this item. Just one or two small matters which I think should be cleared up. Number one, this bill does not in any way lower standards. It provides on the other hand a nudge for parents and teachers, administrators in towns which are not accredited and after this bill is passed would not be accredited under either system. As of today, if a town has a high school which is not accredited, the school administrator or the school board can say we can't afford or we don't want some of these fringe items so colorfully specified by my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Waterboro. This bill provides that the requirements to be established by the board will deal with breadth of curriculum, level of course content and quality of instruction in the natural sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, languages including English, and the social sciences. There is nothing about these other fringe items. If this be downgrading, so be it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, that the House accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report with Committee Amendment "A" on Bill "An Act relating to Accreditation of Secondary Schools," L. D. 47; and a division has been requested.

All those in favor of the motion to accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Committee Report will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

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

Thereupon, the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Renovation of Buildings and Purchase of Equipment at North-eastern Maine Vocational Institute." (Amendment Filing No. H-27) (H. P. 173) (L. D. 242) — In House Read the Third Time.

Tabled — February 20, by Mr. Brown of Fairfield.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this item be tabled until one week from today.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Brown, moves that this item be tabled until March 6, one week from today. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

All those in favor of the tabling motion will say aye; those opposed, no.

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make my position clear on this matter, despite the overwhelming No's from the gallery. I would like to first start off by saying that I am not in favor of having this bill indefinitely postponed. There are two reasons why I wished it to be tabled originally, one of which was to explore more about the curriculum, and the second one was awaiting the final de-

terminations of an appropriation tabled in this House. Neither one of these reasons have been accomplished as yet.

This is early in the session, in my opinion, to be passing a bill of this magnitude, particularly when it is backed up by another bill and recommendation by the Governor for another \$500,000 to go along with it. Now it is true that the need for vocational training in this State is very necessary and desirable. I do not feel as though the curriculum which is proposed is anywhere near in line with the current trend in the world, and I do not think that the State of Maine will benefit a great deal by it. They propose to have certain building construction trades taught as well as auto body and fender work. To me, these are not the necessary items which we need in our vocational training today. I envision training schools and vocational schools along the line of the Wentworth Institute in Boston as an example, where machinists are taught, electronics taught, electricity, mechanical drafting and the higher skills and technical training which are so necessary today. The boys who graduate from an institution of that type, be it a two year course, are in constant demand by all employers. At the present time I know of three paper companies, including my own, for whom I am employed, desirous of obtaining mechanical draftsmen. I do not feel as though that this would provide — this type of training would provide the nucleus which the State of Maine needs to entice new industry to come into this section.

Furthermore, I feel that the budget requirements of \$366,000 to renovate a building, or four buildings, is quite substantial. I also feel that the recommendations of one-half million dollars for the next biennium on the basis of the number of pupils they have, we could afford to take these students and send them out of the state for the same amount of money if not less. I speak with some knowledge, as I have two children in college at the moment, and one just graduated two weeks ago.

Now I believe that this particular

item could be done with far less money. I believe it should have a revision of the curriculum. I think we should start at the top and not start at the bottom. I believe that we should consider this with all our appropriations on the Appropriations Table, and that ladies and gentlemen of the House, is my reason for asking a tabling motion which has been extended to many, and this morning was not extended to me. Thank you.

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

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to point out that the bill which we are now considering calls for a sum of money out of the unappropriated surplus. It is also an emergency measure. Both of these facts call for prompt attention to this bill so that the efforts may be gotten under way at Presque Isle so that these facilities will be ready for the students in the fall.

Now a great deal has been said about the curriculum. I do not wish to enter into this point in debate about what is being taught or what is not being taught or what will be taught at this school. I would merely point out that I have learned that friendly relationships are being established at Presque Isle with Indian Head and there will be sort of an in-training program which will be conducted in relationship with the school and Indian Head Mills. I feel that these will be steps. The steps will come that the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Brown has mentioned, and I urge passage of this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to join with the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman, in urging that you not hold up the reconstruction of this building. I think it is essential that it get under way so that it will be ready for fall. The other bill, as you know, is in committee. I don't know how much we should get into curriculum this morning, since it really in one way

is not a part of this bill, and in another way it is, because of course the type of equipment that is being put into the building does set up the type of courses to some degree that we are going to have up there.

But I would remind you that whether we pass this bill and whether we use these buildings or not, we will have to maintain them and staff them for the next two years. They are our property now and we have to take care of them. A lot of the work that has been done up there has been done by this staff that has been there for maintenance purposes. \$50,000 I understand for the renovation for the nursing course was done by an outside contractor. The building for business administration is a building that was left there when the Air Force departed. They were about to set up a course there, and when they walked out, there it was. Much of the electrical fixtures and things that would be there for that type of course of IBM machines I assume and that type of thing are there.

There seems to be a desire in that area by the businessmen for a business course. They seem to feel that they do not have any school even in Bangor of the type that they really need. I would remind you when we talk about starting at the top, that if we start at the top, this amount of money would be peanuts.

I also would like to call to your attention the way the M.V.T.I. was started at South Portland. I would remind you that it was started in Augusta. It perhaps was not a very good school. It was then moved to South Portland and it still was not a particularly good school, it was still feeling its way along. I had a boy who went in those early days over there. I don't condemn it, but I think they still were feeling their way along. I think that they have done an excellent job there. I think that the people who have been there are dedicated people, I honestly do. They have taken these buildings and they have put some of the boys on the building trades out to keep them in repair.

When we went to Aroostook we had quite a group who went with us

or travelled around with us, and many of them were on the advisory committee.

We know that these are wooden buildings and there will have to be maintenance, but by the same token on this type of building, much of this work can be done sometimes by the students, and I feel that they are as dedicated as we have been at South Portland and will work on this.

Now we are going to have to have vocational schools. I think that the fact that we might need a Wentworth Institute in Maine is probably a very good thing. I mean I think there are people in industry who would like it, but I doubt if it is in Aroostook right now that they need that type of school. I would think they would need it maybe in Portland or in Lewiston or in Augusta. They are going to try to adjust this school to the needs of the area, of the business of the area, and it will be a matter of trying, of testing how well the courses work out. There will have to be some leeway there. There will have to be a start made somewhere. Now they did some sampling, and these are the courses that they came up with to start, and I do hope that you are going to go along this morning and pass this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise for two reasons: one, to wholeheartedly support the opinions of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman, and the lady from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith. The first reason is that the bill came out of committee with a unanimous report "Ought to pass". It was as fine a hearing as I have ever listened to. The facts were brought out forthrightedly. The curriculum was discussed. The building, which is presently what this half of the two bills called for, was discussed thoroughly. And the second reason is that wherever a vocational training school is going to land, I am envious of the people in whose area it is going to land, be it my area or Aroostook County or anywhere else. I think that higher education and education general-

ly is finally realizing that vocational training is a must. Very, very little background, I think many, many of you will recall that after World War I, the State of Connecticut opened up fourteen area vocational training schools with various curricula, and that is the reason why up to a very few years ago you saw so many Connecticut cars in our area over weekends, certainly in the lower part of the State. It finally got to the point that they had exhausted their skilled labor pool and had to raid the good labor market and pools in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. I envy the good people from Aroostook County. I supported this measure from its very beginning. I am wholeheartedly in support of it now, and insofar as the special calendar is concerned, and that we should wait and table this, I think that we proved at the Special Session the precedent of spending for recurring out of surplus has been broken. I don't think anybody is getting hurt by it. I wholeheartedly support this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, I would very briefly quote from the official hearing records which I have. In finding, in attempting to establish the curriculum, the Employment Security of Aroostook was consulted. Further consultations were made and surveys were made by the actual potential applicants. Thirdly, there was an advisory committee established in Aroostook. Without bothering to read the names, I will read a few of the titles to prove that a cross section of the people up there are desirous of this curriculum. One is the Manager of the Maine Potato Bag Company. Another one is a general insurance agent. Another one Superintendent of Schools. The head of the Maine Public Service Company; the sales manager, oil division, Dead River Company; director of personnel, Bangor and Aroostook; one labor representative; vice-president of operations, Great Northern Paper Company; Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Fort Kent; Assistant Manager, Fraser Paper Company, Madawaska; Pur-

chase Wood Division Manager, Great Northern Paper; Assistant to the President, St. Croix Paper; president of a frozen food concern in Aroostook. Those people should know what they want.

I have another very brief statement from the official records and I quote: "In planning the first courses to be offered at the Northeastern Maine Vocational Institute, consideration was given to the following factors: 1. Employment needs and opportunities in Maine especially in northeastern Maine. 2. Interest and aptitudes of potential students. It has been a typical pattern in most parts of the country for an institution of this kind to begin with training at the skilled trade level and as it develops and as needs are identified to add the more technical courses." I sincerely hope that the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman, prevails.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Thaanum.

Mr. THAANUM: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am deeply interested in this vocational training for our boys and girls here in the State of Maine, and I think it is going to prove to be a very good investment. I am not going to belabor the question here just now, but I would recommend to the Members that are interested in vocational training, to read the copy of the Reader's Digest for January, 1963, an article entitled "Why Johnny Can't Get A Job," and if you will bear with me, I would like to just read a very small portion of that article, and I quote:

"Last year, approximately a million teen-agers ended their schooling and looked for work. Not long ago, these youths could be absorbed in industry or on the farm. But galloping automation has wiped out two million blue-collar jobs in the last five years. In farming alone, 800,000 jobs have vanished since 1957. True, automation has created 3,500,000 new jobs in service industries — in stores, garages, banks, real-estate offices. But these jobs require training. And so many of our young people lack the needed training that one boy out of every

five between 16 and 19 fails to land a job. Automation, then, like a huge searchlight, makes painfully visible a giant flaw in our educational system; our schools are flunking the job of preparing our young for the workaday world.

"The reporter who looks for the reason promptly bumps into an Alice-in-Wonderland situation.

"Only 15 of every 100 children who start school go on to win a college diploma. Yet virtually all teaching aims at the academic needs of this minority. The job needs of the majority who will drop out or won't go beyond high school are largely neglected. Only four percent of all public school funds are spent on vocational training — less than one percent in some cities, such as Philadelphia and Kansas City, Missouri. So gloomy are the findings of the President's Panel of Consultants on Vocational Education that its staff director, Dr. Chester Swanson, describes the need for reform as 'the biggest problem facing American education today.'"

Ladies and gentlemen, I am highly interested in this particular phase of our future education of our children, and I go along and support the remarks of Mr. Wellman and Mr. Jalbert.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Being a member from Aroostook County, I fully realize that possibly the course that is to be offered at this new school is not entirely to the likings of everybody in the State or particularly in the area. The people in the group that I represent sensed this and they know this that we cannot start a school possibly with electronics, machinists, plumbing, pipefitting and the sort that is sorely needed in the State of Maine and elsewhere in the country. But like everything else that we must do, if we are going to do something now and for the future, we have got to start at the bottom. We have got to have a beginning. We certainly cannot start children in our school now that are graduating with an electronics course without first basically teaching them electricity and

how it works must go in first, so we have got to start from the bottom and go up. Granted, some of the manufacturers in the State of Maine would like to see more machinists and plumbers and pipefitters and electronics people come out of these schools, but basically we have got to start from the bottom of the line with the monies that we have available now, so that we can no longer hold back the curriculum and the faculty in that school; it is a must in this area, in this State of Maine, immediately, and not two or three or four years from now. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to belabor this point, but the arguments that have been given I think are tremendous. I just think that we can't any longer defer putting in some vocational schools and we certainly are going to have to start at the bottom. I hope we are going to start this school. I hope we are going to start a third school as soon as we possibly can, and I would like to ask that when the vote is taken, it be taken by a division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make two points. Coming from South Portland, these are the points that I believe you should be advised of. As far as the tax dollar is concerned, vocational education stretches that dollar more than in any other thing in this State. As far as placement of the graduates from vocational education in M.V.T.I. in South Portland is concerned, in the last few years, one hundred percent, and I think this speaks well for vocational education. Thank you very much.

Mr. Brown of Fairfield was granted unanimous consent to speak a third time.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, the remarks of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Brown, were very well presented, and I appreciate them because M.V.T.I. teaches machinists and also electronics, and this is where our basic need is.

Now as far as starting from a base. I could agree on electricity, but I fail to see where auto body

and fender work have anything to do with the improved science as we recognize it today. And I would also perhaps take some issue with my good friends whom I all know in the other paper companies, that they too are looking for a much higher skill than is perhaps apparent at the moment. I feel as though there was a limited number of positions that will be attainable in the building field, and in the automotive body and fender work.

Now from the document that I received from our legislative agent, it is planned that the Northeastern Technical Institute could enroll 30 students in the auto trade and approximately 45 students in the building trade in the fall of 1963. In '64 they would have 60 in the auto trade and 90 in the building trades, and I question very much if there is an area demand for such a large supply.

It would seem as though we are somewhat reticent to start out at the top, and I think perhaps that is one of our reasons for a lag in our economy. I think that if we have a nucleus of technically trained people, we will then gradually bring up the bottom rather than start at the bottom. I think the others, the demand for the others will be proportionately increased with the supply of your skilled technicians.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is on the passage to be engrossed of this Bill, "An Act Appropriating Funds for Renovation of Buildings and Purchase of Equipment at Northeastern Maine Vocational Institute," L. D. 242.

All those in favor of this bill being passed to be engrossed will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. One hundred twenty-seven having voted in the affirmative and five having voted in the negative, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

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

An Act Permitting Credit Sales for Liquor to be Consumed on the Premises. (S. P. 8) (L. D. 18 — Engrossed in both Branches.

Tabled — February 20, by Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill, in my opinion, is one of the most insidious bills ever presented to a legislature. You know as well as I, that the ordinary individual will drink more if he only has to present a card than he would if he had to reach into his pocket and come up with the ready cash. He doesn't think of the day of reckoning that the bill must be paid. It could well mean his family would be deprived of the necessities of life. The butcher, the baker, the oil man would go begging for their money.

Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House, a credit card is a ticket to crime, corruption, broken homes and automobile fatalities. It is a ticket to alcoholism, and God knows we have already too many alcoholics in the State. I urge my colleagues to consider well the health and happiness of our youth in this State, and I urge the defeat of this bill. I now move it be indefinitely postponed and I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Anderson, that this Act be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I disagree with the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Anderson, when he said that the butcher and the baker would have to go without. I understand that in order to have a credit card, the credit practices of such a person are supposed to be pretty good. I hope this bill is not indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Anderson, that this Act

be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested.

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

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

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Resolve Correcting Errors in Certain Fish and Game Resolves. (H. P. 238) (L. D. 382) — Engrossed in both Branches.

Tabled — February 20, by Mr. Waterman of Auburn.

Pending — Final Passage.

On motion of Mr. Waterman of Auburn, the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Claims on Resolve Reimbursing Town of Medway for Certain Pauper Relief. (H. P. 192) (L. D. 261)

Tabled — February 20, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Acceptance.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, I have talked with several members of the committee on reconsideration of a part of this bill and I move that the bill be reconsidered by the Claims Committee.

Thereupon, the Resolve was re-committed to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

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

SENATE REPORT — Ought to pass — Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Issuance of Bonds of and Termination of

Maine Turnpike Authority." (S. P. 56) (L. D. 106)

Tabled — February 21 by Mr. Turner of Auburn.

Pending—Acceptance in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Turner of Auburn, the Report and Bill were re-tabled pending acceptance of the "Ought to pass" Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6.

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

SENATE REPORT — Ought to pass — Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Construction of a Bridge to Span the Piscataqua River from Kittery, Maine to Portsmouth, New Hampshire." (S. P. 58) (L. D. 108)

Tabled — February 21 by Mr. Turner of Auburn.

Pending—Acceptance in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Turner of Auburn, the Report and Bill were re-tabled pending acceptance of the "Ought to pass" Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act to Provide Aid to Blind Persons in Voting." (H. P. 206) (L. D. 275)

Tabled — February 21 by Mr. Childs of Portland.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that we substitute the bill for the report. I realize that this is not an earth shattering piece of legislation. It is merely a means to provide for the secrecy of the blind person's vote. Now the Maine Fraternal Order of the Blind is behind this legislation, and I talked to Secretary of State Paul MacDonald and he said that this will not present any problems for him.

There are many states, I won't read them all, but I will read a

few of them. There are Alabama, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois and many others that have this type of provision for the blind person. I ask you to put yourself in the place of a blind person on election day, and wouldn't you feel better if you could choose a person, a personal friend of yours? Some people seem to think that by choosing a personal friend there is a chance that the blind person may be cheated. I don't think that if you were blind and if you went to the polls on election day and had a friend with you, you would feel this way. So when the vote is taken, I request a division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the motion of the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks, that the House substitute the Bill for the Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Election Laws Committee, the bill was heard and there was plenty of time given to the opponents and proponents of the bill. Our contention is this. A blind man asks a friend to go in and help him vote. How does the blind man know how his friend, or the gentleman he has delegated to go into the booth, know that he is voting the way that he wants to vote where there is only one man in the booth with him? Our law now says that you can have one from each party, namely the Republicans and the Democrats, to go in. Therefore, he has his protection that he knows that he's getting and voting the way that he wants. There is nothing to stop one man going down the list. My man might say vote for John Doe. He doesn't know whether he has voted for John Doe or not because he can't see. But if you have one Democrat and one Republican in there, he knows and they're going to see that the vote is registered the way that the blind man anticipates; and that is the only fair way. I hope that you will go along with the committee's report.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I only want to inform the House, in order for them not to get the wrong impression, that this bill is not going to change the law as far as two clerks being appointed to go in with them. This is a question of if a blind man wants a friend to go in with him, someone he has confidence in, he can ask that person. If he feels he doesn't have a friend that he has any confidence in, he can always go to the polls and vote the way that he would have normally.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Gill.

Mr. GILL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise in support of the substitution of the bill for the report. I have been contacted towards the last of last week after some people evidently had read and were under the impression that this bill had been killed. However, I was pleased to find out that it has not and I would like to support it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the motion of the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks, that the House substitute the Bill "An Act to Provide Aid to Blind Persons in Voting," House Paper 206, Legislative Document 275, for the "Ought not to pass" Report and a division has been requested.

Will all those in favor of the motion to substitute the Bill for the Report, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Sixty-one having voted in the affirmative and fifty-one having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Bill was substituted for the Report.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings and assigned for third reading tomorrow.

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

Bill "An Act Establishing an Insurance Adviser's License." (H. P. 624) (L. D. 880) — In House Read the Third Time.

Tabled — February 21 by Mr. Karkos of Lisbon.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. McLeod of Brewer offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 624, L. D. 880, Bill, "An Act Establishing an Insurance Adviser's License."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 8th and 9th lines of paragraph B of subsection XI the underlined words "now being"

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought to pass in New Draft (H. P. 982) (L. D. 1421) — Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Escapes from Custody of Police Officers." (H. P. 467) (L. D. 671)

Tabled — February 26, by Mr. Childs of Portland.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the "Ought to pass" in New Draft Report was accepted, the New Draft read twice and tomorrow assigned.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Minors Under Eighteen Years of Age." (H. P. 377) (L. D. 552) — In House O.T.P. Report Accepted.

Tabled — February 26, by Mr. Hardy of Hope.

Pending — First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Brown of South Portland, the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Labor and sent up for concurrence.

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

RESOLVE Granting a Right of Way by the State to Catherine L. Howell of Cape Elizabeth." (H. P. 509) (L. D. 711) — In House Read Twice.

Tabled — February 26, by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Wellman of Bangor, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.

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

RESOLVE Authorizing Park Commission to Convey Certain Land to the Town of Cape Elizabeth." (H. P. 510) (L. D. 712) — In House Read the Second Time.

Tabled — February 26, by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 510, L. D. 712, Resolve, Authorizing Park Commission to Convey Certain Land to the Town of Cape Elizabeth.

Amend said Resolve, in the Title, by striking out the words "Park Commission" and inserting in place thereof the words 'State Park and Recreation Commission'

Further amend said Resolve, in the headnote, by striking out the underlined words "Park Commission" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'State Park and Recreation Commission'

Further amend said Resolve, in the first line, by inserting after the words 'State Park' the words 'and Recreation'

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

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

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Winterport School District." (H. P. 160) (L. D. 210)—In House Read the Third Time. (Amendment Filing H-48)

Tabled—February 26, by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Easton of Winterport offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 160, L. D. 210, Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Winterport School District."

Amend said Bill, in section 8, by striking out in the 3rd line the punctuation and words ", as the case may be," and by striking out in the 4th line the comma before the word "held" and inserting in place thereof the word 'or'; and by striking out in the 8th line the words "or subleasing"

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Coulthard.

Mr. COULTHARD: Mr. Speaker, I would inquire if House Paper 891, Legislative Document 1413, Bill "An Act relating to Rate of Distribution of Pari Mutuel Pools and Unclaimed Tickets of Horse Racing," is in possession of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair would inform the gentleman that the bill is in the possession of the House.

Thereupon, on motion of the same gentleman, the House voted to reconsider its action of February 26 whereby it voted to adhere.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Mrs. Kilroy of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. KILROY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: One hundred and fifty-six years ago today, a great man was born. Sometimes in the rush and fury in this atomic age, we forget some of the people who have contributed to the culture of our state and nation. Such a man was born in Portland, Maine on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1807, whose name was to become well known wherever the English language has found its way.

To the boy born there, the second son of Zilpha (Wadsworth) Long-

fellow and Stephen Longfellow, was given the name of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. In 1821 Henry passed the entrance examination for Bowdoin College. He was not yet fifteen years of age and perhaps on account of his youth he took his first year's studies at home. His father was one of the trustees at Bowdoin.

At the beginning of his sophomore year, he and his brother Stephen took a room in a house in Brunswick, many years later occupied by Professor Stowe, in which "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written.

At the age of twenty-one, Longfellow became a professor at Bowdoin College. In December 1834 he was offered the professorship of modern languages at Harvard College.

Professor Longfellow established himself in Cambridge and in 1837 took rooms at the historic house which was to be his home for the remainder of his life.

Many of his earlier poems were written in his Portland home. One which I am very fond of, "My Lost Youth," I will read the two following verses:

"Often I think of the beautiful town

That is seated by the sea;
Often in thought go up and down
The pleasant streets of that dear old town,

And my youth comes back to me—

And a verse of a Lapland song
Is haunting my memory still.

A boy's will is the wind's will,
And the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts."

And Deering's woods are fresh and fair

And with joy that is almost pain
My heart goes back to wander there,

And among the dreams of the days that were,

I find my lost youth again.

And the strange and beautiful song

The groves are repeating it still:
A boy's will is the wind's will

And the thoughts of youth are long, long, thoughts."

In Harper's Magazine, March 1882, the poet read an account of a ruined convent in Mexico and by one pas-

sage about the convent bells was roused to write his last song, "The Bells of San Blas." These lines concluded the poem, and ended his singing forever.

"Out of the shadow of nite
The world rolls into light;
It is daybreak everywhere."

That was the grand line of a wholehearted poet who had never lost faith in his God and still hoped like Goethe, "For More Life."

On February 14, 1882, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow sank peacefully into death, aged seventy-five. (Applause)

Mr. Littlefield of Hampden was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Two weeks ago I was asked if I would like to attend Maine Day at the International Boat Show in Miami, Florida. Being Chairman of the House Recreational and Industrial Committee, I was eligible to be chosen.

I was most pleased to accept and was then sent to the Department of Economic Development where Commissioner Allen explained some of the details of the trip. My duties would be to make the trip, observe Maine's participation in the Show and report what I had learned to the House. The trip was made with Senator Harvey Johnson.

On the day of the show, Saturday, it rained. Florida calls it liquid sunshine. We attended the State of Maine day at the Miami International Boat Show sponsored by the Maine Potato Commission, Maine Department of Agriculture, Maine Department of Economic Development and the Maine Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

An all-Maine meal was served at noon at the Dinner Key American Legion Hall, here we met newsmen and officials of leading grocery chain stores in the Miami area. The menu was Maine apple juice, Florida fruit salad, Maine boiled lobster, Maine baked potato, Maine green peas, rolls and coffee, and Maine blueberry pie a la mode.

Seated at the table with Governor Reed were officials of the

State of Florida, Miss Florida — Gloria Brody — Bud Collyer of "To Tell the Truth" and his wife, and Bob Elliot of DED was master of ceremonies. Governor Reed graciously introduced Senator Johnson and me as members of his official family and then delivered a most interesting address. A full page ad in color announcing this event was printed by the Miami Times. We checked and found the cost of this ad, \$1500, every cent of it was paid by the Miami Times, no cost to the State of Maine.

From this American Legion Hall we were taken by an official car to the building where the boat show was held and where Maine was displaying her wares at this huge exhibition of boats and Maine products.

Maine was the only state with an exhibit, and it was outstanding, for as you turned from the thousands of boats on display to the Maine exhibit with its large pictures of the bright blue waters of our harbors and the beautiful inland lakes, magnificently lighted, there was the place to go with the boats for a vacation.

A large map of the coastline of Maine from Kittery to Lubec was on display, and the 32,000 people who visited the show that day paused to look. Not only were these people from Florida, but thousands from other states vacationing there for the winter. These people are going to leave when the summer heat sets in.

We stepped into the exhibit with Governor Reed for an hour, and it was an interesting experience to talk with many who searched the map for places where their ancestors had lived, where they had relatives and friends, and to hand them brochures to help them plan a visit. Many were impressed by the fact that Maine would send members of the Legislature with its Governor, in addition to members of the departments sponsoring the exhibit. I wished other members of the Legislature could see these exhibits and observe their values.

In closing may I say a personal word. My wife was in St. Petersburg, Florida, 245 miles away. I had written to her saying that, if time permitted, I might be able

to see her but in any event I would telephone.

She wrote back that she had read that DED was already being severely criticized for entertaining their wives and said you and I don't want to add to the trouble. So I telephoned. We had a good talk, and in ending the conversation she said: 'We will plan a good vacation when the Legislature adjourns — when you return, finish your job, and don't doddle way into the month of June, the way you did at the last session.'

"Ladies and gentlemen—I am convinced that the Maine exhibit at the show was excellently handled and that it will result in bringing many tourists to Maine and in the sale of many Maine products outside the state. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Wellman of Bangor,

Adjourned until one o'clock tomorrow afternoon.