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HOUSE

Wednesday, March 27, 1963

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Royal Brown of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Senate Reports of Committees
Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to Defenses for Employers Employing Five or Less Workmen under Workmen's Compensation Law" (S. P. 451) (L. D. 1415) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted.

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

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Requirements and Pensions reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Arthur O. Payson of Brooks (S. P. 254) (L. D. 628)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting same on Bill "An Act Providing Tax Exemption Stamps for Relief of Certain Persons from Sales Tax" (S. P. 488) (L. D. 1340)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Noncompliance by Owners of Property of Orders for Proper Fire Safeguards" (S. P. 115) (L. D. 343)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation and Expenses of Out-of-State Witnesses in Criminal Cases" (S. P. 321) (L. D. 987)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Interlocal Cooperation" (S. P. 367) (L. D. 1033)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Violation of Liquor Laws" (S. P. 389) (L. D. 1092)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Dogs Brought to Veterinarian" (S. P. 428) (L. D. 1171)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Territory of the Paris Village Corporation" (S. P. 502) (L. D. 1399)

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair is pleased this morning to recognize in the rear of the Hall of the House, four students from the Senior Class of Waterville High School. They are the guests of Representatives Noel and Baldic of Waterville. Will you stand and be recognized.

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

Ought to Be Adopted

Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought to be Adopted" on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Extend the Northern Terminus of the Interstate and Defense Highway System in Maine from Houlton to Some Point Located on the Northern Boundary of the State of Maine (S. P. 520)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Resolution adopted.

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

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 19" (S. P. 174) (L. D. 473) 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. 174, L. D. 473, Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 19."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th lines of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following: 'the Revised Statutes, as amended. The proceedings taken'

Further amend said Bill in the next to the last line of section 2 by inserting after the word "district" the following words and punctuation:

'with regard to the issuance of capital outlay bonds, or any borrowing in anticipation of the sale thereof, or the preparation, presentation and acceptance of any school budget or any borrowing for current operating expenses.'

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

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Registration and Transportation of Deer" (S. P. 388) (L. D. 1091) 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. 388, L. D. 1091, Bill, "An Act Relating to Registration and Transportation of Deer."

Amend said Bill in subsection VII of that part designated "Sec. 98-A." of section 1 by inserting after the underlined word "agent" and be-

fore the period in the 7th line the underlined words and punctuation ', except that no fee shall be required of any resident of this State who is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined paragraph A of subsection VIII of that part designated "Sec. 98-A." of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'A. Said deer or parts thereof may be transported by a Maine licensed transportation company, including common carriers.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 1st and 2nd lines of paragraph B of subsection VIII of that part designated "Sec. 98-A." of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'B. Said deer or parts thereof may be transported by other than a Maine licensed transportation company, including common carriers, when accompanied'

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Investigations of Hunting Accidents" (S. P. 112) (L. D. 339) 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. 112, L. D. 339, Bill, "An Act relating to Investigations of Hunting Accidents."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the 7th and 8th lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

"county where the accident occurred or the State Police. Such sheriff or the State Police shall immediately notify the county attorney and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. Such sheriff or

the State Police and the county attorney shall promptly make an investigation and prosecute any violation.’”

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

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.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill “An Act relating to Pecuniary Interest by Municipal Officials in Municipal Contracts” (S. P. 324) (L. D. 990) 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” S. P. 324, L. D. 990, Bill, “An Act Relating to Pecuniary Interest by Municipal Officials in Municipal Contracts.”

Amend said Bill by adding after the underlined word “**proper**” in the 6th line the underlined word ‘**advertised**’

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill “An Act relating to Proof of Municipal Ordinances” (S. P. 325) (L. D. 991) 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. 325, L. D. 991, Bill, “An Act relating to Proof of Municipal Ordinances.”

Amend said Bill in the 10th, 11th and 12th lines by striking out the underlined words “**and of the regularity of all matters relating to the passage or enactment of the ordinance, bylaw, order or resolve and to any revision or codification thereof**”

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill “An Act relating to Automobile Junk Yards” (S. P. 393) (L. D. 1096) 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. 393, L. D. 1096, Bill, “An Act Relating to Automobile Junk Yards.”

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the 6th and 7th lines of section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following: ‘**500 600** feet, from any state or state aid highway now or hereafter designated as such highway by the State Highway Commission, **or country road**, if within’

Further amend said Bill in the 6th line of section 5 by adding after the word and punctuation “**highway**,” the underlined words and punctuation ‘**or county road**,’

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill “An Act relating to Fees in Disclosure Proceedings” (S. P. 429) (L. D. 1172) 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. 429, L. D. 1172, Bill, "An Act relating to Fees in Disclosure Proceedings."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the first line the figure "4" and inserting in place thereof the figure '5'

Further amend said Bill in the 4th line by inserting after the underlined word "judge" the underlined words 'or disclosure commissioner'; in the 7th line by inserting after the underlined word "judge" the underlined words 'or disclosure commissioner'; in the 10th line by inserting after the underlined word "judge" the underlined comma and words 'disclosure commissioner'; in the 11th line by striking out the underlined words and punctuation "in case the oath named in section 56 is administered" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words 'in all cases'; and in the 13th line after the underlined word "judge" the underlined words 'or disclosure commissioner'

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

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Authorize Cumberland County to Raise Money for Court House Capital Improvements" (S. P. 283) (L. D. 797) 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 Admendment "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. 283, L. D. 797, Bill, "An Act to Authorize Cumberland County to Raise Money for Court House Capital Improvements."

Amend said Bill, in section 1, by striking out in the 2nd line the figure "\$500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$200,000'; and by striking out, in the 4th line, the punctuation and words ", new buildings"

Further amend said Bill, in section 2, by striking out in the 5th line the figure "\$500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$200,000'

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

Report of the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Continuing the Committee on Aging" (S. P. 384) (L. D. 1087) 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. 384, L. D. 1087, Bill, "An Act Continuing the Committee on Aging."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 2." of section 1 by inserting after the 3rd underlined paragraph thereof, the following underlined paragraph:

'It shall be responsible for supervising the Three-Quarter Century Club of Maine as requested by the Governor and sponsor an annual meeting for the club.'

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

**Amended in Senate
Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Furnishing Liquor to Certain Persons" (S. P. 328) (L. D. 993) 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" and Senate Amendment "A."

In the House, the Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 10.)

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Hotel' under Liquor Law" (H. P. 299) (L. D. 393) on which the House substituted the Bill for the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Liquor Control and passed the Bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" on March 22.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Rust of York, the House voted to insist on its former action.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Accounting Systems and Postaudit" (H. P. 850) (L. D. 1237) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on March 19.

Came from the Senate with Committee Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mrs. Shaw of Chelsea, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Prohibiting a General Contractor to Bid Unless Able to

Perform Part of Work (S. P. 523) (L. D. 1438) which was passed to be enacted in the House on March 14 and passed to be engrossed on March 12.

Came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Lowery of Brunswick, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. L. O. Diplock of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, May 2, 1963.

On motion of Mr. Mendes of Topsham, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. O'Leary of Mexico be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

**House Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Mr. Bourgoin from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Reed Plantation (H. P. 967) (L. D. 1406)

Mr. Brewer from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Harold Thompson of Calais (H. P. 570) (L. D. 808)

Mr. Gallant from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of The Builders Supply Company, of Hallowell (H. P. 571) (L. D. 809)

Mrs. Lincoln from same Committee reported same on Resolve Reimbursing Town of Medway for Certain Pauper Relief (H. P. 192) (L. D. 261) which was recommitted.

Mr. Susi from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Everett L. Scott of Calais (H. P. 569) (L. D. 807)

Mr. Cartier from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Members of Harness Racing Commission" (H. P. 688) (L. D. 944)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Albair from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Veteran's Property from Taxation" (H. P. 168) (L. D. 217)

Report was read.

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few remarks on this bill before making a motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. EASTON: This is the first time in ten years as a practicing lawyer that I have spoken from a prepared text. Because of the volatile nature of the subject matter, however, it appears advisable not to risk misunderstanding on a slip of the tongue. This method will also restrict me to the bounds within which I have been determined to stay from the time L. D. 217 was placed in the hopper.

The bill in your books, the one I originally presented, is not the one to which I addressed my remarks at the committee hearing. Instead, I discussed a revised version, a version which you have not seen because of the unanimous "Ought not to pass" Report. This, of course, precludes offering any amendment until after the second reading. A second reading will obviously not be accorded this bill at this session.

I thus feel obligated to discuss this bill briefly, as it was to be amended, before participating in the internment ceremonies of L. D. 217. Simply stated, this amended bill increased the property tax exemption of totally disabled, service-connected World War II and Korean Veterans and their widows, from \$3,500 to \$7,500. It eliminated the exemption of all other World War II and Korean Veterans and their widows. World War I Veterans and their widows, and Gold Star Mothers, would have been unaffected.

The reasons for this proposal I assumed would be obvious. Veterans should never expect that one of their basic obligations as citizens was eliminated by the fulfillment of another. At Valley Forge

and Yorktown, aboard the Constitution, on San Juan Hill, at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, in the Argonne and at Chateau-Thierry, on Wake Island, the Hurtgen Forest and Pork Chop Hill, the men who fought that this nation might be born and endure, strong, united and free, did not have, as a corollary goal, exemption from taxes levied by the towns in which they live.

If the benefits conferred under the present law amounted to an honorarium, recognition from a nation grateful to have survived, then we would have a different matter. Let us honor and respect our veterans. Let us not beggar the very state which they fought to preserve, and denigrate their integrity by a financially and morally disastrous dole. Our veterans are better than this. They are Americans.

I have said financially disastrous. I mean just that. You have on your desks the figures to prove it. Figures which are conservative. Figures which I hope shock you. The total cost of the existing veterans' tax exemption to the other taxpayers of the State of Maine will be \$140,000,000 on account of World War II and Korean Veterans. Will those who defend this monument to the outstretched palm be eager to sponsor legislation for \$140,000,000 bond issue ten years from now to pay for our folly?

It has been suggested that the problem is not ours; that we can wait ten years and then face the issue. My friends, the time, the only time that we can solve our problem, is soon upon us. When the World War II Veterans start attaining sixty-two in appreciable numbers, one might as well spoon out the Penobscot as try to snatch away the benefits being received.

One final point, an interesting vignette. Opponents of this bill have carefully tip-toed around the issue of those veterans who, because of their defense of our country, are now totally incapacitated. This bill provides a greatly increased exemption for these men who deserve our continuous help for maimed bodies and no earning capacity as a result of their service to us all. Do they not, perhaps, deserve

to be singled out from the veteran of two years in Boston's Fargo Building?

Ladies and Gentlemen, the problem has not disappeared. It is still under the rug. When are we going to face our responsibilities? Not this year, obviously.

Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" Report.

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

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax" (H. P. 404) (L. D. 603)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Smith of Strong, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 2.)

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committees of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on

Bill "An Act relating to the Killing of Bears in Organized Townships" (H. P. 769) (L. D. 1123) reporting that they are unable to agree.

(Signed)

JONES of Farmington
BOOTHBY of Livermore
HAMMOND of Paris

— Committee on part of House.

STILPHEN of Knox
STITHAM of Somerset
CYR of Aroostook

— Committee on part of Senate.

Report was read and accepted. Thereupon, the House voted to adhere.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Drafts Printed Recommitted

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Certain Counties" (H. P. 590) (L. D. 828) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 1477) under title of "An Act

relating to Closed Time on Deer" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth, the Report and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Benson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Clarifying the Inland Fish and Game Laws" (H. P. 287) (L. D. 381) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1022) (L. D. 1478) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary and Expenses of Reporter of Decisions" (H. P. 943) (L. D. 1377) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1023) (L. D. 1479) under title of "An Act Increasing Salary of Reporter of Decisions" and that it "Ought to pass"

The Reports were read and accepted, the New Drafts read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Libby from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Providing a World War I Bonus for George E. Maroon of Lewiston (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1405)

Mrs. Hendricks from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported same on Bill "An Act Granting Full Pension Benefits to Lillian Watson of Bangor" (H. P. 499) (L. D. 701)

Mr. Thaanum from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act Providing an Additional Reporter for Industrial Accident Commission" (H. P. 683) (L. D. 939)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Meisner from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Clarifying the Maine Milk Law"

(H. P. 172) (L. D. 241) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows: COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 172, L. D. 241, Bill, "An Act Clarifying the Maine Milk Law."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the 8th line of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following: 'contents, the word "pasteurized" or the word "raw" "natural" in accordance with'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 6th line of section 4 the underlined word "any" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'pasteurized'

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

Mr. Dudley from the Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for New Charter for the City of Waterville" (H. P. 383) (L. D. 582) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 383, L. D. 582, Bill, "An Act Providing for a New Charter for the City of Waterville."

Amend said Bill in section 8 of Article IX by striking out the figure "1" in the next to the last line and inserting in place thereof the figure '3'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 of Article XI by inserting after the figure and punctuation "1963," in the 3rd line, the words and punctuation 'or on the same date as any special state-wide election held in 1963, if such special state-wide election is held on or before November 5, 1963.'

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

Mrs. Kilroy from the Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill "An

Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of South Portland" (H. P. 344) (L. D. 529) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 344, L. D. 529, Bill, "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of South Portland."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "402.7" of Article IV.

Further amend said Bill in the 4th line of that part designated "701" of Article VII by striking out the words "director of finance" and inserting in place thereof the words 'city assessor'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "702" of Article VII and inserting in place thereof the following:

"702. Method of assessment. All assessments and taxation, their methods, definitions, exceptions and exemptions, for the city shall be as prescribed by the statutes of the State of Maine.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the first paragraph of that part designated "705" of Article VII and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The board of assessment review shall have conferred upon it such powers of review and abatement as is conferred upon boards of assessors by statute.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of those parts designated "706" and "707" of Article VII and inserting in place thereof the following:

"706. Hearings and appeals. All hearings and appeals therefrom shall be in such manner as prescribed by statute. In addition to the certification of abatement to the director of finance, the board, through its secretary, shall notify the city assessor of such determination, who shall make such correction upon the assessment roll and duplicate. The board shall establish such rules and procedures for the conducting of such hearings as

are not inconsistent with the laws governing this section.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering those parts designated "708" and "709" of Article VII to be '707' and '708'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering those parts designated "402.8 to 402.12" of Article IV to be '402.7 to 402.11'

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

Mrs. Lincoln from the Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Chief Engineer of Fire Department of City of Westbrook" (H. P. 384) (L. D. 583) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 384, L. D. 583, Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment of Chief Engineer of Fire Department of City of Westbrook."

Amend said Bill by striking out the first 3 lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

'P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, section 30-A, additional. Chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is amended by adding a new section 30-A, to read as follows:'

Further amend said Bill in the 4th line by striking out the underlined figure and letter "19-A" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure and letter "30-A"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 12th line the underlined figure "2/3" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'majority'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the single quotation mark at the end of the 12th line and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Upon the death, resignation or removal from office of such appointee, a new appointment shall be made to fill such vacancy as soon as practicable in accordance with this section; but the may-

or may fill such vacancy by an appointment pro tem for a period not in excess of 6 months, which term shall expire when such new appointment is made as provided for. The compensation of such appointee shall be fixed by the council but shall not be increased or diminished during the municipal year in which the compensation is fixed. Such officer shall perform all the duties prescribed by the laws of this State and city ordinances for his respective office and such other duties not inconsistent with the nature of his offices as the mayor or city council may from time to time prescribe."

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

The SPEAKER: It is a distinct pleasure this morning for the Speaker to recognize in the Hall of the House 28 pupils from the senior and junior classes of Belgrade High School, accompanied by their Principal, Mr. Stevens. They are the guests of Representative Sahagian of Belgrade.

Also, there are 31 pupils from the class of Problems of Democracy, Bridgton High School, accompanied by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Ryson, their guides, and they are the guests of Representative Oberg of Bridgton.

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

Mrs. Lincoln from the Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill "An Act Repealing Pittsfield Water Company and Transferring Assets to the Town of Pittsfield" (H. P. 609) (L. D. 844) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 609, L. D. 844, Bill, "An Act Repealing Pittsfield Water Com-

pany and Transferring Assets to the Town of Pittsfield.”

Amend said Bill in the Title by inserting after the word “Repealing” the words ‘Charter of’

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause, the following emergency preamble:

‘Emergency preamble. Whereas, certain construction must be undertaken to provide adequate water supply to the citizens of the Town of Pittsfield; and

Whereas, construction must be commenced under favorable weather conditions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,’

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end the following emergency clause:

‘Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.’

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

Mr. Hammond from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill “An Act relating to Retirement of Employee Option by Local Districts under Maine State Retirement System” (H. P. 789) (L. D. 1142) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment “A” was ready by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H. P. 789, L. D. 1142, Bill, “An Act Relating to Retirement of Employee Option by Local Districts Under Maine State Retirement System.”

Amend said Bill by adding after the underlined word “beneficiary” and before the period in the 12th line the following underlined words ‘if said beneficiary is a spouse or

until attainment of age 18 if said beneficiary is a child’

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

Mr. Berman from the Committee on State Government on Bill “An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of Maine Employment Security Commission” (H. P. 682) (L. D. 938) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment “A” was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H. P. 682, L. D. 938, Bill, “An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of Maine Employment Security Commission.”

Amend said Bill in the 6th line by striking out the underlined figure “\$13,000” and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure ‘\$11,500.’

Further amend said Bill in the 8th line by striking out the underlined figure “\$12,500” and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure ‘\$11,000.’

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

Mr. Berry from the Committee on State Government on Bill “An Act Increasing Salary of Members of Public Utilities Commission” (H. P. 505) (L. D. 707) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment “A” was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H. P. 505, L. D. 707, Bill “An Act Increasing Salary of Members of Public Utilities Commission.”

Amend said Bill in the 5th line by striking out the underlined figure “\$14,000” and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure ‘\$12,500’; and by striking out in the 6th line the underlined figure

'\$12,500' and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$11,500'

Further amend said Bill in the 9th line by striking out the figure '\$6,000' and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$2,500'; and by striking ou in the 10th line the figure '\$8,000' and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$3,000'

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

Mr. Berry from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Director of Legislative Research" (H. P. 836) (L. D. 1223) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 836, L. D. 1223, Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Director of Legislative Research."

Amend said Bill in the 4th line by striking out the underlined figure "\$14,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$11,500'

Further amend said Bill in the 7th line by striking out the figure '\$3,000' and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,250'; and by striking out, in the 8th line, the figure "\$4,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,500'

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

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of State Personnel Board" (H. P. 685) (L. D. 941) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Waterman of Auburn, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.)

Mr. Smith from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Insurance Commissioner" (H. P. 752) (L. D. 1081) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 752, L. D. 1081, Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Insurance Commissioner."

Amend said Bill in the 6th line by striking out the underlined figure "\$13,500" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$11,500'

Further amend said Bill in the 8th line by striking out the figure "\$2,625" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,250'; and by striking out in the 9th line the figure "\$3,500" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,500'

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

Third Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Length of Residence for Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans" (S. P. 72) (L. D. 122)

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

(On motion of Mr. Easton of Winterport, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, March 29.)

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Power of Eminent Domain of Maine State Park and Recreation Commission" (S. P. 542) (L. D. 1468)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption from Taxation of Property of the United States" (H. P. 512) (L. D. 714)

Bill "An Act relating to Election and Term of Board of Assessors of City of Bath" (H. P. 542) (L. D. 759)

Bill "An Act to Provide Adjustments in Pensions Being Paid to Members of the Police and Fire

Departments of the City of Portland" (H. P. 545) (L. D. 761)

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

**Third Reader
Amended**

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer" (H. P. 605) (L. D. 840)

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

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. 605, L. D. 840, Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 2," of section 9 by striking out in the 8th line the underlined word "respectfully" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word "respectively"

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 5," of section 9 by inserting in the 2nd line after the underlined words "article to" the underlined word 'be'

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

Bill "An Act Providing for Civil Service for the Old Orchard Beach Police Department" (H. P. 606) (L. D. 841)

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

**Third Reader
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Application of Federal Social Security to Permit Political Subdivisions to Offer Social Security Benefits to Superintendents of Schools" (H. P. 678) (L. D. 934)

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

(On motion of Mr. Jones of Farmington, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday April 3.)

**Third Reader
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Certain Municipal Records" (H. P. 746) (L. D. 1075)

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

(On motion of Mrs. Shaw of Chelsea, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for March 29.)

Bill "An Act Regulating the Storage and Transportation of Frozen Foods" (H. P. 756) (L. D. 1085)

Bill "An Act Increasing Pensions of State Employees Retired on Council Orders" (H. P. 827) (L. D. 1214)

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

**Third Reader
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act Limiting the Amount of Salary of Certain State Officers" (H. P. 830) (L. D. 1217)

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

(On motion of Mr. Dennett of Kittery, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Mayor, Providing Compensation of Councilmen and Providing Initiative and Referendum for City of Gardiner" (H. P. 997) (L. D. 1445)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments in Lieu of Taxes under Urban Renewal Authorities Law" (H. P. 674) (L. D. 930)

Bill "An Act Amending Certain Provisions of the Charter of the Town of Old Orchard Beach" (H. P. 1017) (L. D. 1472)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Tax Collector of Town of Dedham in Collecting Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation Taxes" (H. P. 1018) (L. D. 1473)

Resolve Increasing Retirement Benefit for Georgia Dinsmore of Bath (H. P. 14) (L. D. 10)

Resolve Providing a Pension for Margaret H. Frisbee of Belfast (H. P. 349) (L. D. 503)

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.

Resolve for Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Sixty-three and Nineteen Hundred Sixty-four (H. P. 1016) (L. D. 1471)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed and, on motion of Mrs. Shaw of Chelsea, sent forthwith to the Senate.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Phippsburg Cemetery District" (H. P. 552) (L. D. 767)

Bill "An Act relating to Height of Motor Vehicles and Trailers" (H. P. 712) (L. D. 968)

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 Requiring Line Budget for County Appropriations for York County" (H. P. 953) (L. D. 1387)

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

(On motion of Mr. Plante of Old Orchard Beach, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.)

The SPEAKER: It is a pleasure this morning for the Speaker to recognize in the rear of the Hall of the House, a distinguished visitor from a foreign country. We are honored that she is here to observe our proceedings.

Miss Ilyong Pak from Seoul, Korea is visiting in Maine at the in-

visitation of the Belgrade Lakes Region, Incorporated. While in Maine she will reside at the Endicott home in Belgrade as the guest of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Ralph Endicott.

Miss Pak, who was born in Hongchon, Korea, attended public schools in Inchon and Seoul. For the past 3 years she has been employed as a clerk-typist in the Administrative office of the Headquarters, Eighth United States Army Engineers in Seoul.

Lieutenant Commander Endicott recently returned from Korea after a tour of duty at the Headquarters, United Nations Command, United States Forces, Korea. In conjunction with the Korean Tourist Bureau, an agency of the Korean Government, Lieutenant Commander Endicott before his departure from Korea, completed arrangements for Miss Pak to visit here for the purpose of observing tourism promotion practices and learning through practical training the Maine methods of encouraging tourist travel. The information gained by Miss Pak may later be employed in Korea, where a major effort is underway to encourage foreign tourist travel.

Miss Pak has many fascinating stories to tell of Korea and its customs, and her wardrobe includes several beautiful dresses of a style found only in her native land.

On behalf of the House, the Chair this morning recognizes Miss Pak who stands in the rear of the Hall of the House, and I am sure the members join me in according this young lady a very warm welcome. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: There are 26 eighth grade students from the Maine History Class of Morse Memorial High School, Brooks, accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Marciano. They are guests of Representative Wood of Brooks.

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

The following paper from the Senate was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Authorize School Administrative District No. 17 to Take a Schoolhouse Lot by Condemnation in the Towns of Norway and Paris" (S. P. 551)

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

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

**Passed to Be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act Providing for Oxford County Funds for Buildings for Education Programs for Retarded Children (S. P. 521) (L. D. 1429)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 114 voted in favor of same and one against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

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

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 118 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

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)

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

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

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

**Enactor
Tabled and Assigned**

An Act relating to Employment of Minors under Sixteen Years of Age (S. P. 214) (L. D. 524)

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

(On motion of Mr. Williams of Hodgdon, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.)

An Act Revising Laws for Registration and Licensing of Dogs on Reservation of Penobscot Tribe of Indians (S. P. 220) (L. D. 605)

An Act relating to Allocation of Funds of Soil Conservation Districts (S. P. 263) (L. D. 1013)

An Act relating to Records and Lists of Stockholders (S. P. 307) (L. D. 973)

An Act Increasing Reimbursement for Expenses of Reporter of Decisions (S. P. 398) (L. D. 1101)

An Act Entering the State of Maine Into the Interstate Library Compact (S. P. 400) (L. D. 1103)

An Act relating to Unlicensed Dogs (S. P. 411) (L. D. 1153)

An Act relating to Lists of Dogs in Tax Assessor's Inventories (S. P. 412) (L. D. 1154)

An Act relating to Lights on Snow Removal or Sanding Equipment (S. P. 439) (L. D. 1182)

An Act relating to Driving a Motor Vehicle While License Suspended or Revoked (S. P. 534) (L. D. 1453)

An Act Clarifying Months Covered by Fee for Operation of Certain Trucks (S. P. 539) (L. D. 1464)

An Act Prohibiting Discrimination Among Licensed Optometrists (H. P. 719) (L. D. 1048)

An Act relating to Expenditure of Funds Accruing to Electricians Examining Board (H. P. 750) (L. D. 1079)

An Act relating to Appointment of Local Sealers of Weights and Measures (H. P. 758) (L. D. 1112)

An Act relating to the Restriction Against Carnival Performing Near Agricultural Fairs (H. P. 759) (L. D. 1113)

An Act Providing for Appointment of Municipal Historians (H. P. 1012) (L. D. 1463)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to recognize in the balcony of the House, a group of thirty-five students in American Government and United States History from Strong High School, Strong, Maine, accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Davidson. Representative Smith's daughter is in the group. These are all guests of Representative Smith of Strong.

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)

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 Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Business of Raising Domestic Fowl Exclusively for Meat Purposes." (H. P. 842) (L. D. 1229)

Tabled—March 12, by Mr. Kent of Benton.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

(On motion of Mr. Waterman of Auburn, retabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.)

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

HOUSE MAJORITY (5) REPORT—Ought not to pass—MINORITY (4) REPORT—Ought to pass—Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act Providing for Separate Voting Place for Connor." (H. P. 728) (L. D. 1057)

Tabled—March 13, by Mr. Harrington of Dexter.

Pending—Motion of Mr. Brown of Fairfield to Accept Majority Ought not to pass Report.

On motion of Mr. Binnette of Old Town, the Reports and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on Election Laws and sent up for concurrence.

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

SENATE MAJORITY REPORT (7)—Ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing S-39) — MINORITY REPORT (3) — Ought not to pass — Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Negotiable Checks and Money Orders." (S. P. 354) (L. D. 1020) — Came from Senate Engrossed as Amended.

Tabled — March 13, by Mr. Noel of Waterville.

Pending—Acceptance of either report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Noel.

Mr. NOEL: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill is not a good bill. It would cause hardship on the people that work in plants where they can't go out and make checks and money orders, and where in the small towns where they don't have banks at all. So I move that this bill and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Noel, now moves that item three be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. MacLeod.

Mr. MacLEOD: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: This bill came before the Committee on Business Legislation and was given a fair hearing. You will notice it came out of our committee with a Majority "Ought to pass" Report, seven to three. It was my understanding that since our hearing additional information has come to some of the committee members who signed the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report, and they have since changed their minds.

This is a good bill. What this bill does is to bring under the regulation of the Banking Commissioner, individuals and firms who sell these money orders or checks. This is not intended to harm the merchant, who, as a matter of convenience to his customers, writes a free check for them if he can't get to the Post Office or to the

bank. That gentleman can still continue to write those checks. This is to put under jurisdiction of the Banking Commissioner, those people who are charging for these checks and who sell substantial numbers of them, and have several thousands of dollars at one time outstanding on these so-called money orders. There are many reputable firms that are willing to pay the fee as required under this bill, and put themselves under the regulation of the Banking Commissioner. And incidentally, the Department of Banking here in the State is in favor of this Bill.

You can go in and buy printed forms such as this right here which is a sample. It looks very official, and people go in and pay a fee for this in their corner grocery or drug store. It says money order on it, but there is nothing backing this up except that man's personal checking account. The State of Maine has not had any trouble with this as yet. The State of Michigan two years ago had a bill in their Legislature similar to this one. It was defeated. Before they convened again, one individual went in bankruptcy to the tune of \$80,000 which was out in these types of banks, with no regulation. The State of Michigan has since passed this legislation. This is intended to keep the horse in the barn before it is stolen. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Noel, is defeated.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Scott.

Mr. SCOTT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I signed the minority ought not to pass on this bill. I am now satisfied with the amendment that it is a good bill, and I urge its adoption.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Noel, that item three, Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Negotiable Checks and Money Orders," Senate Paper 354, Legislative Document 1020, and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

All those in favor of indefinite postponement, will say aye; those opposed, no.

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

Thereupon, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 354, L. D. 1020, Bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Negotiable Checks and Money Orders."

Amend said Bill, in the 12th, 13th and 14th lines, by striking out the underlined words and punctuation "stating that his net worth is at least \$200,000. In lieu of the sworn statement as to his net worth, such person"; and by striking out in the 21st line the underlined comma which appears after the underlined word "reputation" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'and'; and by striking out in the 22nd line the underlined words "and net worth".

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

The SPEAKER: The Speaker at this time is pleased to recognize in the balcony of the House, forty eighth grade pupils from the Burns High School of Saco, accompanied by teachers, Miss Gibbs and Mr. Hall. They are the guests of Representative Bedard of Saco.

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

HOUSE MAJORITY REPORT (6)—Ought not to pass—MINORITY REPORT (4)—Ought to pass—Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Concerning the Practice of Public Accountancy." (H. P. 722) (L. D. 1051)

Tabled—March 19, by Mr. Watkins of Windham.

Pending—Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion of Mr. Watkins of Windham, retabled pending acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.

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

AN ACT relating to Probation of Persons by Court. (H. P. 1002) (L. D. 1444)—Engrossed in both Branches.

Tabled—March 20, by Mr. Thornton of Belfast.

Pending—Passage to be Enacted.

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

Mr. KNIGHT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is my bill. It was to clarify what we thought was an error in the law. The Attorney General's Department says it is no longer necessary. The present law is workable; not only workable, but a better law than this would be. The Judiciary Committee concurs, and I would therefore move indefinite postponement of this bill.

Thereupon, the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Detroit, Etna, Plymouth and Stetson to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 435) (L. D. 640)—In House Read the Third Time.

Tabled—March 20, by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham.

Pending—Motion of Mr. Carter of Etna to Reconsider Adoption of Committee Amendment "A." (Filing H-94)

Thereupon, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted on March 12.

On motion of Mr. Carter of Etna, Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Carter of Etna offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 435, L. D. 640, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Detroit, Etna, Plymouth and Stetson to Form a School Administrative District."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the 29th line after the word and punctuation "Hermon," the words and punctuation 'or with the Town of Newport.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted.

(On motion of Mr. Smith of Strong, the Bill with accompanying papers tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, March 29.

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

HOUSE REPORT "A" (5) — Ought to Pass—Report "B" (4)—Ought Not to Pass—Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Operation of Retail Store and Restaurant Prior to Application to Sell Malt Liquor." (H. P. 826) (L. D. 1213)

Tabled—March 20, by Mr. Richardson of Stonington.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Chapman of Norway to Accept Report "B" (Ought not to pass)

On motion of Mr. MacGregor of Eastport, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Chapman of Norway to accept Report "B" "Ought not to pass" and specially assigned for Friday, March 29.

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

Bill "An Act relating to State Police Retirement Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System." (S. P. 457) (L. D. 1284) — In House Engrossment Reconsidered.

Tabled—March 20, by Mr. Wood of Brooks.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Wood of Brooks offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 457, L. D. 1284, Bill, "An

Act relating to State Police Retirement Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System."

Amend said Bill in the 7th and 8th lines of section 1 by striking out the underlined words "after September 1, 1963" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words 'beginning with the first full week after the effective date of this act'

Further amend said Bill in the 8th line of section 2 by adding after the underlined words "credit-able service" the following underlined words 'as a State Police officer'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated paragraph "C" of section 2 by striking out all of the last underlined sentence and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence:

'The total amount of the service retirement allowance of a member retired in accordance with this paragraph shall be equal to ½ of his current annual salary.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 4.

House Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Wood.

Mr. WOOD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: When I first tabled this bill there were some parts of the bill that I didn't agree with, partly because I didn't fully understand them, and I have asked many questions about it and studied it thoroughly. I now do approve of those parts that I didn't before, and I now move that this bill be passed to be engrossed.

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

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

AN ACT relating to Counsel for Indigent Persons in Criminal Cases. (S. P. 507) (L. D. 1423)—Engrossed in both Branches.

Tabled—March 20, by Mr. Wight of Presque Isle.

Pending—Passage to be Enacted. Gn motion of Mr. Wight of Presque Isle, retabled pending pas-

sage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.

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

SENATE REPORT — Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (Filing S-73)—Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act relating to Reporting of Divorces to State Registrar of Vital Statistics." (S. P. 309) (L. D. 975)—In Senate Engrossed as Amended.

Tabled—March 22, by Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. MINSKY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to review with you briefly some of the history of this bill as I know it. I think it will come as a bit of education to each of you. Perhaps you have already been educated along the same lines previously.

About two and one-half years ago before my first term in this House, I appeared at the Court House in Bangor and was informed by the Clerk of Courts that there was a form that I had to fill out in order for my client to obtain his divorce. It was a form submitted by the Department of Health and Welfare demanding certain statistics. I asked the Clerk at that time whether or not this was actually required, and was informed that she had been told by the Department of Health and Welfare that this was a requirement. I later found out when I came here two years ago that there was no such requirement. There was no such law providing for this. It was simply an invasion into the Court System by the Department of Health and Welfare's 'long arm', and the word 'requirement' was one they made up figuring they could probably get away with it.

Two years ago I came here and sat on the Committee on Judiciary. A bill was then submitted to the Committee on Judiciary which would then request the filling out of this form. The Committee at that time felt that this was an invasion

into the people's privacy who were getting a divorce. There are times when it is a concern of the State. But there are also times when it is not the concern of the State. What the Health and Welfare Department was actually requesting was that every time that a divorce is filed, that they be informed of the names of the parties, the sex of each of the two parties, their age, their children's ages; their children's sex, etc. This received a unanimous "ought not to pass" report of the Committee. It went under the hammer in both Houses in the 100th Legislature. Just by coincidence, the typical form they wanted to show us of what they were going to do, was the form that had been distributed six months earlier with the required tag on it to each of the Clerks of Court.

Unbeknown to the Judiciary Committee, at the same time the Department of Health and Welfare went to Appropriations and asked for sums of money for five case workers to be inserted directly into the Courts. They were then not satisfied with the mere filing of a petition or a statistical sheet. They then wanted a case worker sitting in each one of the court rooms during divorce testimony whether or not this was required. I would point out to you at this time that any time a judge of the Superior Court requests the presence of a case worker from the Department of Health and Welfare, this request must be ordered. It is so stated in our Statutes. This went beyond that. This said whether the judge liked it or not, there would be a case worker.

This was granted, these five case workers without any statutory authority other than the appropriation. On your desks this morning is document 1481, a redraft of the current services budget. If you compare this to the budget two years ago, you will find that the Department of Health and Welfare has been authorized five less case workers than they were authorized two years ago. We simply deleted that portion relative to the case workers in the court room.

Now what they have done again is submitted another bill requiring

statistical data. But this time it did not go to Judiciary. This time it went to Health and Institutional Services. It received a report of that committee. I wished it had gone to Judiciary. I am not a member of that Committee, but I suspect I know what would have happened. It is the attempt by the Health and Welfare Department through one source or another, through one bill or another, through one committee or another, to involve itself into the court work; to take the discretion away from the judge and put it with the Welfare Department. They follow an old maxim that I learned many, many years ago: "If you don't at first succeed, try, try again."

Mr. Speaker, I move indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Minsky, moves indefinite postponement of item ten.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Smith.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in support of the motion made by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Minsky, and point out two specific parts of this bill which, in my opinion, are highly objectionable.

One, the first paragraph of the proposed section would require that the record of the divorce be filed within fifteen days of judgment. Any statistic based on that filing would be utterly false because no divorce is final until after the appeal period has expired. So that is defective technically right there.

Secondly, the second paragraph of the proposed new portion states that the plaintiff shall in each divorce action furnish the Clerk—and I underline these words—with such personal information as the State Registrar shall require on a form prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar. This is blanket authority in the State Registrar vested by these words in the State Registrar to require an unspecified quantity of information, personal information to be obtained by the plaintiff in a di-

voiced action and filed on a form provided by the Registrar with the Department of Vital Statistics, part of the Health and Welfare Department.

I urge support of the motion to postpone indefinitely.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Minsky, that the Report and Bill "An Act relating to Reporting of Divorces to State Registrar of Vital Statistics," Senate Paper 309, Legislative Document 975, be indefinitely postponed.

All those in favor of indefinite postponement will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed. The Report and Bill were indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. MacLEOD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the HOUSE REPORT—Ought not to pass—Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Eliminating Residence Requirements in Public Assistance." (H. P. 959) (L. D. 1393)

Tabled—March 22 by Mr. Plante of Old Orchard Beach.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante.

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I move that the Bill be substituted for the Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, moves that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report. Is that the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. MacLeod.

Mr. MacLEOD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill has been kicking around now for at least two Legislatures. It was here in the 100th Legislature and reported out unanimously "ought not to pass," by that Committee. I have

gone into the legislative record and read the debate on that bill two years ago. It was recommitted twice to the Committee on Welfare, and each time was reported out "ought not to pass." Before the Legislature adjourned, they made this an item of business for the Legislative Research Committee. The Legislative Research Committee did investigate this. I would like to quote their conclusions as far as this bill is concerned.

"The Committee feels that the advantages cited by the proponents that elimination of the one-year residence requirement substantially reduced administrative processing in cost and staff time, could result in Federal financial participation, and mean possible savings to municipalities even if realized, would not be sufficient to warrant a departure from the present requirements. The experience of the other states shows no willingness to accept these advantages, and while the Committee appreciates the conduct of the affairs of this State is not dependent upon that of other states, the fact that only a very small percentage have eliminated or enlarged their requirements in an area in which they all have a similar responsibility provide the most meaningful precedent. The Committee therefore recommend there be no change made in the present statutory requirement of one year's residence as a condition of eligibility for assistance under each of the four state programs.

At the hearing on this bill this year, the Maine Municipal Association appeared in opposition; an item in the paper a couple of days before the hearing on this bill stated that the Maine Association of Welfare Directors opposed this bill, and the committee opposed it unanimously. I would hope that the motion of the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach is defeated.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante.

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to explain why I feel strongly about this legislative

document. As all of you know, Maine pays the lowest average grant for aid to dependent children of all New England States. Our old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to the disabled grants are next to the lowest of all New England States.

I have presented these figures first to factually, not emotionally, point out that persons would not come across our borders for old age assistance or other aid categories because, one, these programs are not sufficiently attractive as compared with other states; and, two, there is no evidence that persons move from one state to another simply because of the characteristics of a particular welfare program. I urge, that if such claims are made today, that this House inquire as to whether the charges can substantially be substantiated.

This act would mean a financial saving to the towns and cities which use municipal funds for general relief. Savings would be demonstrated in administrative and staff costs to the state, and finally, there would not be a loss of federal matching money to the state.

In closing, I would like to point out that Governor Reed in his Inaugural Address of January, 1961 endorsed this specific proposal, and studies have shown that most so-called new residents are former Maine residents who have returned to be close to native surroundings, relatives and friends.

I would further like to place into the record that while only sixty-four persons were denied assistance in 1961 because of residence requirement, more than half of these received local assistance for an average of five months at a cost of \$15,350. Had these cases been acceptable for the federally-assisted programs, the cost to the state and localities would have been only \$8,000. We talk about cutting red tape, about eliminating unnecessary administrative costs, and we talk about taking advantage of our other sources of revenue. This is an opportunity to do this today. The sum required to make this is so

negligible that the Governor, in recommending this proposal, felt that no moneys would be needed; in fact, that savings would be realized.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, in talking with a former member of the Senate who had corresponded with a member of the Illinois State Senate relative to residence requirements, he told me that their experience in Illinois in repealing the residence requirements, cost the state eight million dollars. And that the State of Illinois is presently putting a residence requirement back in which is going to have a lot more teeth in it than the previous law that they had had before they repealed it. I would hope that the motion of the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Benton, Mr. Kent.

Mr. KENT: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the committee which reported this bill out, I also want to oppose the motion of my colleague, the gentleman from Old Beach, Mr. Plante.

This whole bill is taking the residence one year requirement away, and certainly it is a wedge, getting a foot in the door, and I certainly think that we are all-right the way we are. I have served as an overseer of the poor for eight years in my town, and I am satisfied the present law is all right as it is. I hope the motion of the gentleman from Old Orchard is defeated.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, that the House substitute Bill, "An Act Eliminating Residence Requirements in Public Assistance" for the "Ought not to pass" Report. All those in favor of that motion will say aye; those opposed, no.

The motion failed on a viva voce vote.

Thereupon, the Committee

"Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-136) — Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Notice to Town of Settlement When Persons Found Destitute." (H. P. 783) (L. D. 1136)

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Kent of Benton.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Benton, Mr. Kent.

Mr. KENT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: When this bill came on the Floor last Friday, I tabled it because I wanted to investigate this a little bit more.

Being an overseer of the poor for the last eight years, heading into my ninth one, I find that you may get a number of different towns given to you on an application by a recipient who has called on for help, and that it takes sometimes a great deal of time, because you may notify one town and they will in turn write you back and tell you that this party does not hold a legal residence in that town. Then you go to the next step, and you notify another town, and all of this communication takes a great deal of time. Also, this does not mention section 55 or section 28. This bill simply refers to section 27, and it affects all three of these sections. Also, sometimes we don't find the actual settlement at all and then we have to turn this case over to the state to determine settlement, which then again the state has to send a field worker out, it may be in any part of the state, and this also takes time. Therefore, the present law is ninety days. I believe that it doesn't give us any more time than we need, and due to the fact that this does conflict with two other sections not mentioned in the bill, I move that the bill and its amendments be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman

from Benton, Mr. Kent, now moves that the bill and report be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kingfield, Mr. Hutchins.

Mr. HUTCHINS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am surprised that there is opposition to this bill. I feel that such opposition arises from a misunderstanding of the purpose of the bill or a misinterpretation of the wording of the bill.

For the benefit of those who may not be entirely familiar with this, I would like to explain briefly the purpose of this bill, and why we are requesting this legislation. As many of you know, when a person needing assistance having a legal settlement or pauper residence in another town and living in a town away from home has to have help, it is the obligation of the town of residence to furnish this assistance. This of course is as it should be. Also, the town of settlement is obligated to pay for these supplies. That also is fair and just. But according to our present laws the town furnishing these supplies is not required to send any notice or any bill for these services until up to ninety days or three months from the time these supplies are furnished. This seems to me an unfair arrangement for the town which will have to pay the bill. Can you imagine if you told someone you would help them out in time of need that they would charge their grocery bill to you for three months without sending you any bill or notifying you of the fact, and yet this is precisely what can happen under our present laws between towns.

I believe that with this notice that it could save expense; it could relieve some headaches from the municipal officers. The mere item of housing. Many times houses are available in the smaller communities for from \$25.00 to \$30.00 a month that are perfectly satisfactory. These same tenements might cost from \$50.00 to \$60.00 in the larger towns. Also on the matter of employment, many

times employment could be found for a person in the home town where they were known while they might not be able to get work in the larger towns where perhaps skilled labor would have the only opportunity.

This bill was heard by the Legal Affairs Committee and reported out unanimous "Ought to pass." The speakers in regard to the bill agreed that it was a good bill. The City Manager from Portland felt that he did require more time than the seven days which were originally in the bill. He felt that thirty days would be a better arrangement because of the heavy load that they might have of cases in Portland. A speaker from the Health and Welfare Department thought he might even require more than that. The Committee, as you know, recommended thirty days, and that has been accepted and the amendment put in.

There appears to be some question in the mind of the Representative from Benton, that this would prohibit their collecting the bill in case they were not able to establish settlement in the thirty days. I can assure you and them that this will in no way affect their ability to collect their bills, or the time allowed to send in their bill. This does not repeal any law that is on our statutes. It simply requires that you shall send notice to the town of apparent settlement, and that word, ladies and gentlemen, "apparent" was put in there for a purpose. The applicant must of course state where he is from and that is the town where notice should be sent to the apparent town that would have to pay the bill. I believe this will accomplish a worthy purpose, will be a help to the municipal officers of our towns and cities. I hope that it will receive passage and that the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Benton, Mr. Kent.

Mr. KENT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The words that the gentleman, Mr. Hutchins just said in re-

gard to waiting ninety days to send the bill, this is certainly not the intention of any town officials, they certainly do not want to tie up the taxpayers money any longer than what they have to with a poor recipient from another town. Now we have to find out where this settlement is from anyone who asks this assistance, and you may notify, as I have said before, three or four different towns and yet you still may not find the answer.

Now I talked with Mr. McClay in the Department of Health and Welfare and he said that he would certainly like to go on record as opposing this, and also the Maine Municipal Association is opposed to this bill. That is why this was tabled to give time to investigate the thing, and certainly Mr. McClay's department is handling these cases every day in the week, and I sincerely hope that this motion prevails.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Townsend.

Mr. TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, being a member of the town for twenty-odd years, and I see that thirty days in my opinion is sufficient. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Jones.

Mr. JONES: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in support of this measure. I believe we will all agree that if we pictured ourselves as a paying town, we would like to know somewheres within a reasonable time and especially before ninety days as to who is running up bills against us. I think this charge of thirty days is certainly plenty of time unless we have somebody who likes to procrastinate in doing their paper work. I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

Mr. Kent of Benton requested a division.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have had the experience of serving twenty-four years as overseer of the poor of the town of Raymond, and during that time usually thirty days was enough to find out where the applicant's of relief home is, but sometimes cases are hard, and it takes a little longer. Now it seems to me that the old law has served the purpose, that this new one would cause a hardship on some of the overseers of the poor in finding out where the home is; and I would like to go along with the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eddington, Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. GILBERT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to state one thing about the bill as worded in support of the bill. 'Apparent settlement' is defined in the statutes as the town to which the pauper or poor person has stated he comes from, so that I cannot see the objection of the gentleman from Benton, Mr. Kent. Legally, if they send the notice to that town, it will not bar them from collecting.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Benton, Mr. Kent, that this bill be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested. All those in favor of the indefinite postponement will please rise and remain standing in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kingfield, Mr. Hutchins.

Mr. HUTCHINS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to emphasize again that this will not according to the Attorney General's Office, the Attorney General said this morning this would in no way affect the collection of these bills and in no way affect the time the bills have to be submitted. This is simply a requirement that notice be sent to the apparent town of settlement at the time supplies are purchased.

I think that is the whole question to be considered.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the indefinite postponement of Bill "An Act relating to Notice to Town of Settlement When Persons Found Destitute," House Paper 783, Legislative Document 1136. A division has been requested.

All those in favor of indefinite postponement please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

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

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings and assigned the next legislative day.

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

House Majority Report (7) — Ought to Pass — Minority Report (2) — Ought not to Pass — Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act Providing for Voting by New Residents in Presidential Elections" (H. P. 803) (L. D. 1190)

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Viles of Anson.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion of Mr. Viles of Anson, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Public Places under Law Relating to Drinking in Public Places." (H. P. 786) (L. D. 1139) — In House Read the Third Time.

Tabled—March 22, by Mr. Bernard of Sanford.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Bernard.

Mr. BERNARD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I tabled this bill in order to get information from the Park Department. At the hearing on

this bill they could not be present because of other business they had outside the State House. This bill calls for the Liquor Enforcement Department to be able to go into State Parks and arrest people for violating the liquor laws. The Park Department does not favor this bill. They say that they have rules and regulations concerning their parks and should have the right to enforce these rules themselves. I did not know at the time when I tabled this bill that there was going to be a hassle between these two departments, but now I feel that the Park Department has the adequate men to control their own rules and regulations and so I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed. When the vote is taken, I request a division.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hardy.

Mr. HARDY: Mr. Speaker, I rise to heartily agree with the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Bernard. I think this is, as we have already heard this morning, an invasion of one department into another's field. As has already been pointed out, we do have Park Department rules and regulations to cover this situation and I think that we do not need this addition to the statute.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Blouin.

Mr. BLOUIN: Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the motion of the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Bernard, for indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Bernard, that this bill be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of indefinite postponement of this bill please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did prevail, the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Permitting Sale of Liquor by Passenger Boat Corporations." (H. P. 673) (L. D. 929) In House Read the Third Time. House Amendment "A" Read. (Filing H-128).

Tabled—March 22, by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

Pending — Adoption of House Amendment "A".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 673, L. D. 929, Bill, "An Act Permitting Sale of Liquor by Passenger Boat Corporations."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause, the following section:

"Sec. 1. R.S., c. 61, section 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding, in alphabetical order, the following paragraph:

' "Passenger boat" shall mean a boat documented by the United States Customs in the coasting trade and licensed by the United States Coast Guard to carry 50 or more passengers.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 1 to 5 to be sections 2 to 6.

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

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

Bill "An Act relating to Mileage and Expenses for Members of Legislature." (H. P. 613) (L. D. 848) — Read the Third Time.

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

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.

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

Bill, "An Act relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 39) (L. D. 32) — In Senate Engrossed with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing S-72) — In House Committee Amendment "A" Adopted, House Amendment "A" Adopted (Filing H-153)

Read third time.

Tabled — March 26, by Mr. Pease of Wiscasset.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed On motion of Mr. Wellman of Bangor, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, March 29.

The following paper from the Senate, appearing on Supplement No. 1, was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve for Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Sixty-three and Nineteen Hundred Sixty-four (H. P. 1016) (L. D. 1471) (Amendment Filing No. 115) which was passed to be engrossed in the House earlier in the day.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Mr. Finley.

Mr. FINLEY: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if Senate Paper 489, L. D. 1341 is still in possession of the Clerk?

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

Mr. FINLEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I now move that we recede from our former action whereby we concurred with the Senate "Ought not to pass" and the Bill was indefinitely postponed — "Ought to pass."

The SPEAKER: The gentleman moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it indefinitely postponed Bill, "An Act Extending

Time of Validity of Motor Vehicle Registration," Senate Paper 489, Legislative Document 1341. Is it the pleasure of the House to reconsider?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. FINLEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I now move that we adhere to our former action whereby we adopted the "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Washington, Mr. Finley, now moves that we adhere to our former action. If the gentleman would withdraw his motion, the bill is in order for first reading.

Mr. FINLEY: Pardon?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman would be in order if he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. FINLEY: I will do so.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings and assigned the next legislative day.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I would inquire of the Clerk of the House if House Paper 400, L. D. 599 is still in his possession?

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I would move the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby this bill was passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Brown, moves that the House reconsider its action of yesterday, March 26, whereby Bill, "An Act Increasing Mileage Allowance for State Employees on State Business" was passed to be enacted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

All those in favor of reconsideration will say aye; those opposed, no.

The motion failed on a viva voce vote.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order. The Chair will appoint the gentleman from Lubec, Mr.

Denbow, to fill a vacancy on the Joint Committee on Highways.

On the part of the House, the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolve Regulating Fishing in the West Branch of the Penobscot River, Piscataquis County, (H. P. 214) (L. D. 283):

Messrs.

CROMMETT of Millinocket
DUDLEY of Enfield
ROSS of Brownville

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston,

Adjourned until Friday, March 29, at nine o'clock in the morning.