

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1963

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**HOUSE**

Friday, March 29, 1963

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Eugene Pilgrim of the Veterans Administration, Togus.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing for Trademarks under Potato Tax Law" (S. P. 550) (L. D. 1482)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

**Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Marketing Order under Maine Potato Marketing Act" (S. P. 348) (L. D. 1014)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Non-alcoholic Drink Products and Beverages" (S. P. 469) (L. D. 1346)

Report of the Committee on Municipal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Zoning Hearings" (S. P. 368) (L. D. 1034)

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.

**Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Claims of Municipalities Against State for Taxes Lost from Veterans Property Tax Exemptions" (S. P. 339) (L. D. 1004)

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

In the House, the Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Albair of Caribou, tabled pending acceptance of

the Committee Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.)

**Ought to Pass Amended in Senate Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Revising the Law relating to Closing-Out Sales" (S. P. 48) (L. D. 98)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments "A", "B" and "C".

In the House, the Report was read.

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

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. I would like to speak on it briefly.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, this bill is a bill that if you or I happen to start in business and were in business for six months and were not making a go of it, this bill will stop you from having a selling out sale trying to replenish a little bit of your investment. I believe it is unfair and the bill should be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, that item five be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. MacLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I move this item lie on the table until Tuesday next.

Thereupon, the Report and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Crockett of Freeport that the Report and Bill be indefinitely postponed and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 2.

**Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act relating to Services for Locating Deserting Parents and Other Persons Liable for Support of Dependents" (S. P. 490) (L. D. 1342) reporting "Ought to



Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Group Life Insurance for Credit Unions" (S. P. 446) (L. D. 1275) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 547) (L. D. 1475) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln  
— of the Senate.
- Mr. OBERG of Bridgton
- Mrs. VAUGHN of Peru
- Messrs. BLOUIN of Sanford  
SCOTT of Wilton  
WATKINS of Windham  
KARKOS of Lisbon  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

- Messrs. BROWN of Hancock  
JOHNSON of Somerset  
— of the Senate.
- Mr. MacLEOD of Brewer  
— of the House.

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

In the House: Reports were read. On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, the Majority "Ought to pass in New Draft" Report was accepted in concurrence, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

**Divided Report  
Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Providing Increases in Retirement Allowances for Certain Retired Fish and Game Wardens (S. P. 255) (L. D. 629)

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mr. BOISVERT of Androscoggin  
— of the Senate.
- Mr. HENDSBEE of Madison
- Mrs. LINCOLN of Bethel
- Mrs. HENDRICKS of Portland

- Messrs. HAMMOND of Paris  
WOOD of Brooks  
GUSTAFSON  
of South Portland  
PRINCE of Oakfield  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln
- Mr. ATHERTON of Penobscot  
— of the Senate.

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

In the House: Reports were read. The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oakfield, Mr. Prince.

Mr. PRINCE: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Majority Report on this bill be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Oakfield, Mr. Prince, moves that the Majority "Ought to pass" Committee Report be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Wade.

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: When this bill was first presented, it did not carry the amendment, S-82, and I think that a great majority of people who were interested were under the impression that the funds which would be necessary were to come from the general funds. By the way of explanation, ladies and gentlemen of the House, I want to say that I am in complete sympathy with the bill as it was originally drafted. I know many of these people personally, and I know that some of these pensions that they have been receiving are very meager amounts. However, the amendment in my mind is going to establish perhaps a very undesirable precedent. As an illustration, I believe there is a bill before this session of the Legislature which will in effect make the same type of increases for retired school teachers. I have also had information to the effect that if this bill is successful in passing with its amendment, that

many retired employees of the Highway Commission are going to make similar requests, and certainly they all will be justified.

This amount of money involved in this particular piece of legislation is in the amount of \$39,429, which amount must come out of Fish and Game dedicated revenues and must be paid to the Retirement and Pensions Board prior to September 1, 1963. As we all know here that the dedicated funds of the Fish and Game Department are predicated upon the amount of fines and fees. They have no other income.

Therefore with that explanation, ladies and gentlemen of the House, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Minority Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gouldsboro, Mr. Young.

Mr. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I hate to disagree with my good friend, Gerry Wade from Skowhegan, but I feel very strongly for this bill, because there is one warden in my county that comes under this and he is receiving an amount of around \$25 a month after putting in a great many years of warden service. I think Mr. Wade is in agreement that the bill is good, but it is just a matter of where the money is to be taken from, but these wardens were paid out of the Fish and Game funds, and I can see no reason why the Fish and Game Department shouldn't make up this amount. They have quite a big surplus in their account over there. I think it is up to nine hundred thousand or something like that, and I don't think it would be wrong if that was taken from the Fish and Game Department. I go along with the motion to accept the "Ought to pass" report.

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

Mr. WOOD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if that Senate Amendment 82 is in the House so somebody can read it to us.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A," Filing S-82, was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 255, L. D. 629, Resolve, Providing

Increases in Retirement Allowances for Certain Retired Fish and Game Wardens.

Amend said Resolve by adding at the end, before the Statement of Facts, the following: ' ; and be it further

#### Funds.

**Resolved:** That the moneys necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolve shall be charged to the funds of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.'

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

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I haven't had an opportunity to particularly study this bill, but it was brought to my attention yesterday. I would like to caution the House that they may well be opening the door as Representative Wade has said in the state employees' field, and I would think that they would want to look at it carefully at least before they pass it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Wade.

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker, is a tabling motion in order?

The SPEAKER: A tabling motion is in order.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Wade of Skowhegan, the Reports and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Prince of Oakfield to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.

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

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 544)

#### MAINE

#### CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION

March 19, 1963

To the Honorable House and Senate of the 101st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine  
Members:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the Fourth Report of

the Maine Constitutional Commission.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

FRED C. SCRIBNER Jr.  
 Fred C. Scribner, Jr.  
 President, Maine  
 Constitutional Commission

Came from the Senate read and with accompanying Report (L. D. 1476) referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Legislative Reapportionment.

In the House, the Communication was read and with accompanying Report (L. D. 1476) referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Legislative Reapportionment in concurrence.

The following Communication:

THE SENATE OF MAINE  
 AUGUSTA

March 27, 1963

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

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

Resolve Regulating Fishing in the West Branch of the Penobscot River, Piscataquis County (H. P. 214) (L. D. 283)

Senators:

HICHBORN of Piscataquis  
 HARRINGTON of Penobscot  
 STILPHEN of Knox  
 Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

CHESTER T. WINSLOW  
 Chester T. Winslow  
 Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves  
 Requiring Reference**

The following two Resolves which implement a report of the Constitutional Commission were received notwithstanding Joint Rule 19-B, in accordance with Joint Order (S. P. 26), and referred to the following Committee:

**Constitutional Amendments  
 and Legislative Reapportionment**

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Relating to the Apportionment, Election and Powers of the House of Representatives (H. P. 1029) (Presented by Mr. Pease of Wiscasset)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Affecting the Election, Powers and Apportionment of the House of Representatives (H. P. 1030) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Orders**

Mr. Viles of Anson presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, Anson Academy, incorporated in 1823, boasts the only undefeated high school basketball team in the State; and

WHEREAS, Anson Academy, having a pupil enrollment of only 82 students, won the State Class S basketball championship and thus became the first small school from Somerset County to accomplish such a feat; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature of the State of Maine extend congratulations to Coach Will Laverdiere and his team for their achievement and wish them well in the future; and be it further.

ORDERED, that attested copies of this Joint Order be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Coach Laverdiere and the Department of Athletics of Anson Academy. (H. P. 1031)

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mendes of Topsham, it was

ORDERED, that use of the Hall of the House be granted to the Augusta Jaycees on Saturday, April 27, 1963 for the purpose of a Seminar on State Government.

**House Reports of Committees  
 Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Create a Law Revision Commis-

sion" (H. P. 919) (L. D. 1353) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Thornton from the Committee on Judiciary reported Leave to Withdraw on Bill "An Act Authorizing Civil Actions Against the State" (H. P. 660) (L. D. 916)

Report was read.

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

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I introduced this bill as an outgrowth of my thought and study during the Interim Legislative Research Committee debates on the problem of claims against the State. Now I feel very strongly that the people of our State are greatly disturbed when they come face to face with the monolith of state government that we and our predecessors have built here. I think it is high time that we recognize that this state in its varied forms of activities must be subject to immediate suit by the people whom it should be serving, not whom it should be mastering.

Now I asked the Committee on Judiciary to withdraw this bill because frankly, after I had drafted it, I was not happy with it. There are certain problems with it, and I do not think that there is time in this session to solve the problems. I hope that when eventually we have an order referring this study to the Interim Legislative Research Committee, that you will go along with me and pass that order, so that this problem may be studied. I hope eventually that we can make one further step to making this state government responsible to the people whom it serves.

I now move the acceptance of the Committee Report.

Thereupon, the Leave to Withdraw Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Boissonneau from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported Leave to Withdraw on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Racing at Scarborough Downs" (H. P. 740) (L. D. 1069)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Pease from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Transfer of Registration of Vehicles to Defeat Purpose of Financial Responsibility Law" (H. P. 224) (L. D. 293)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide a Lien for Bowdoinham Water District Charges" (H. P. 462) (L. D. 666)

Mr. Cope from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Penalties for Carelessly Shooting a Human Being While Hunting" (H. P. 777) (L. D. 1131)

Mr. Cote from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Revising Laws relating to Boilers and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels" (H. P. 232) (L. D. 300)

Mr. Wellman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Inspection and Exemptions in Boilers and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels Law" (H. P. 233) (L. D. 301)

Mrs. White from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Designating the General Election as a Legal Holiday" (H. P. 934) (L. D. 1368)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. MacGregor from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Alewives in the St. George River in the Towns of Thomaston, South Thomaston, St. George and Cushing" (H. P. 398) (L. D. 597)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. MacPhail of Owl's Head, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.)

Mr. Prince from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Regulating the Maximum Size of Otter Trawlers in Casco Bay and



Adjacent Waters" (H. P. 940) (L. D. 1374)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Rankin from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Erection of Fish Weirs in Waters Lying Between Towns" (H. P. 829) (L. D. 1216)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. MacPhail of Owl's Head, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.)

#### Ought to Pass in New Draft New Drafts Printed

Mr. Knight from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Proceedings in Adoption of Children" (H. P. 57) (L. D. 80) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1024) (L. D. 1485) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

#### Recommended

Mr. Wellman from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for Registration of Land Surveyors" (H. P. 157) (L. D. 208) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1025) (L. D. 1486) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Wellman of Bangor, the Report and Bill were recommended to the Committee on Legal Affairs and, by unanimous consent, sent forthwith to the Senate.

Mr. Thaanum from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Regulating Archaeological Excavation" (H. P. 399) (L. D. 598) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1028) (L. D. 1491) under title of "An Act relating to Archaeological Excavations" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

#### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Rust from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Empowering the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine to Prescribe Rules in Criminal Cases" (H. P. 654) (L. D. 910)

Mr. Foster from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Transmittal to Secretary of State of Court Record of Appeal from Conviction Relative to Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 926) (L. D. 1360)

Mr. Rand from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Territorial Limits, Quorum and Powers of South Freeport Water District" (H. P. 550) (L. D. 765)

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Duty of State Historian in Submitting Names for Designating Memorial Bridges or Highways" (H. P. 831) (L. D. 1218)

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

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Thaanum from the Committee on State Government reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Clarify and Revise Laws of Department of Economic Development" (H. P. 834) (L. D. 1221)

Report was read.

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

Mr. Crommett from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing for Public Dumps for Jerusalem and Crockertown, Franklin County" (H. P. 74) (L. D. 36)

Mr. MacPhail from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for Fire Protection for Certain Townships in Franklin County" (H. P. 73) (L. D. 35)

Mr. Poirier from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Fee for Sheriff's Service in Hand and Attachment of Personal Property or Writ of Replevin" (H. P. 848) (L. D. 1235)

Mr. Wight from same Committee reported same on Resolve to Change the Name of Crockertown, Franklin County, to Sugarloaf Township (H. P. 973) (L. D. 1412)

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. Berman from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Clerks of Courts and Clerks Pro Tempore" (H. P. 816) (L. D. 1203) 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. 816, L. D. 1203, Bill "An Act Relating to Appointment of Clerks of Courts and Clerks Pro Tempore."

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

'Sec. 1. R. S., c. 89, Sec. 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Vacancies happening otherwise. When no choice is effected or a vacancy happens in the office of county commissioner by death, resignation or, removal from the county or for any other reason, the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy, who shall hold office until the first day of January after another has been chosen to fill the place.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 2.'

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

#### Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Revising Price Controls on Milk" (H. P.

889) (L. D. 1296) which was re-committed.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CYR of Aroostook  
PIKE of Oxford

Mrs. HARRINGTON of Penobscot  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. WARD of Limestone  
BOOTHBY of Livermore  
MOWER of Bangor  
COULTHARD

of Scarborough  
MEISNER

of Dover-Foxcroft  
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. DENBOW of Lubec  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. COULTHARD: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Coulthard, moves the acceptance of the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this item lie upon the table and be specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.

Thereupon, the Reports and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Coulthard of Scarborough to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.

#### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Town of Woolwich for Loss of Tax Revenue of Property Owned by State (H. P. 194) (L. D. 263) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1026) (L. D. 1487) under title of Resolve in favor of Town of Woolwich for Rent of Certain Property Owned by State and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

- Messrs. CRAM of Cumberland  
 BOISVERT of Androscoggin  
 — of the Senate.
- Messrs. SUSI of Pittsfield  
 BREWER of Bath  
 LIBBY of Portland  
 HUTCHINS of Kingfield
- Mrs. LINCOLN of Bethel
- Messrs. BOURGOIN of Fort Kent  
 GALLANT of Eagle Lake  
 — of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

- Mr. HICHBORN of Piscataquis  
 — of the Senate.

Reports were read.

The Majority "Ought to pass" in New Draft Report was accepted, the New Draft read once and assigned the next legislative day.

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Providing for Driver Education for All New Applicants for Operators' Licenses" (H. P. 77) (L. D. 39) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1027) (L. D. 1488) under title of "An Act Providing for Driver Education for Certain Applicants for Operators' License" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

- Messrs. FARRIS of Kennebec  
 BOARDMAN of Washington  
 — of the Senate.
- Messrs. BERMAN of Houlton  
 PEASE of Wiscasset  
 SMITH of Bar Harbor  
 KNIGHT of Rockland  
 CHILDS of Portland  
 — of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

- Mr. CAMPBELL of Kennebec  
 — of the Senate.
- Messrs. RUST of York  
 THORNTON of Belfast  
 — of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is an obligation of this Legislature to cooperate with the Highway Safety Committee in saving lives. This committee spends months in continuous study of the problems and considering the best proposals. We must recognize this, and give them assistance by passing this worthwhile, well thought of, and needed legislation. I move that the Majority "Ought to pass" Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks, now moves the acceptance of the Majority "Ought to pass in New Draft" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Rust.

Mr. RUST: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As one of the signers of the so-called Minority Report, I would like to state my reasons why I signed the Minority, and what the effect of this bill is. I respect the so-called Highway Safety Committee. They have worked hard, they have done a good job, but just because they make recommendations, that is no reason that we all have to go along with them.

This is another piece of legislation which in my mind will take away the prerogative of any father or parent, to do something by way of education for his own children. This bill provides that no child in the ages of seventeen or eighteen will be able to get an operator's license or motor vehicle license unless and until he has taken a driver education course in a high school, or has taken a so-called private driver education course. Now unfortunately, many of these young people, this seventeen and eighteen year-old category, don't finish high school; they drop out. Many of these high schools and private schools throughout the state in rural areas don't have driver education programs. There are no driver education schools available in their areas. what are the people in the rural

areas with their farm children, going to do to get a driver education course or be able to obtain the necessary foundation to get a driver's license under this new bill?

If you want to teach your own boy or girl, you can't do it. And I very strongly oppose this particular piece of legislation because it takes away from each and every one of us, something which we should have a right to do, something which we should be able to do, and places an undue burden on the parents and the boys and children in the seventeen and eighteen year-old category. I oppose the motion of the ought to pass and hope it does not prevail.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think I should point out that the majority report of the Judiciary Committee does not reflect in its entirety and does not adopt the recommendations of the Highway Safety Committee in its entirety. That recommendation and the original bill as presented, this is a redraft before us; the original bill did call for driver education for all persons seeking an operator's license. This bill merely raises from seventeen years to nineteen years—two years, it raises the age two years. So that any child wishing to get an operator's license must have driver training if that person is under nineteen years of age.

At the hearing before our committee, testimony was offered to show that the accident rate on our highways for those between seventeen and nineteen — drivers between those ages — is greater than the accident rate between fifteen and seventeen. Driver training has been proven over the years to be at least one successful way of stemming the slaughter on our highways. Here is an opportunity to extend that education still in the ages of adolescence where the highway slaughter is one of the highest. I urge that you go along with the "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair

recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think this is a very good bill, and I hope that it receives passage. I will tell you the reason why I feel this way. I write insurance on these boys, girls, adults, etc., and we find that thirty-five percent of all our fatal accidents are caused by these boys who do not have driver education. Wednesday I attended the convention of one of the insurance companies that I write for, and they discussed this very fully. Today if a teenager were to come to me for insurance, I would either charge him — if he had driver education — probably \$38.05 for six months. If he did not have driver education, but lived on a farm and was overlooked somewhat by his parents, I would charge him \$50.50. But no matter where he lived, if he didn't have driver education, I would not take him at all. I would assign him. And you know what assign means, if a boy or anyone can get a license to drive an automobile, the state requires that somebody has got to take him providing he would have to furnish financial responsibility. So they farm them out to first one company and then another. You take your chance. You have to take them whether you want them or not. And the usual price in Maine is anywhere from \$170 to \$207. The highest one that I have had is \$207.

In discussing this in the convention Wednesday, the head of the department of our insurance company, which is domiciled in New Hampshire, said New Hampshire has gone on record. They are going to just put these boys off the road and not going to take them at all. And if they have had one or two accidents, they raise them up to \$450. Practically ninety percent of the accidents caused by boys, are caused by boys who do not have driver education.

The gentleman from York, Mr. Rust, I agree with a great deal that he has said, but the fact of the matter is that parents do not get a chance to teach their youngsters how to drive. The youngsters get the car and get out and they know all the answers and they

are into trouble, I surely hope in regard for their own lives, for the amount of money that the people can save in insurance, that this bill does receive passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Hendsbee.

Mr. HENDSBEE: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, I would never go along with anything that did not help to improve our highway situation. But in this particular case here, I believe that we have got to take a good look at this bill. Now it calls for driver education. I understand that it will cost between \$42 and \$60 per pupil for driver education, and one of our leading Boston newspapers today has an editorial in there which is written by a man who conducts a driver training school and says that it is absolutely a waste of tax money. It costs \$135 per pupil.

Now I am wondering what is going to happen to these young men whom Mr. Rust spoke about who have left high school or left school or did not reach high school and you will see them and so will I almost every day on farms, they can drive anything that has a wheel on it from the age of ten up. They have not had driver education, and many of these larger farms are located on both sides of the highway. If that boy drives a piece of apparatus across that highway, he is breaking the law. Now what are we going to do about those fellows? How are we going to recommit them to school and have driver's education and things of that sort? Now somebody can get hurt in a bill of this type. The merits and the structure of the bill are very good. There is no reason about that, but we had better look at all who are affected. In order to justify my arguments, why I will have to support the "Ought not to pass" report.

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In the past three summers, I have been public relations man in Ellsworth. That is a fancy name for a

cop. From personal observation, I want to go along with the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Smith, that this bill ought to pass.

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

Mr. JONES: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I believe in accordance with Mr. Smith from Bar Harbor that the intent of this bill is very very good, but upon taking a good look at it and surveying our state, I seem to believe that we are a little premature on passing this type of legislation because we have areas in our state that are inhabited where there is no school for these youngsters to go to within better than seventy-five or a hundred miles. I wonder if we shouldn't wait until the state has provided schooling for these people whom we say must have the education. I think we should wait until we have the schools first before we should pass a bill of this sort. I hope that it is indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Williams.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker and Members: I would like to go along with my friend, Mr. Rust, on this. Now I represent a territory approximately the size of the State of Rhode Island. There is one driver's training course in our high school which happens to be right in my own dooryard, and I have got young people there fifty miles from the nearest driver's training course, most of them born on a farm. Looking at some of the teachers we have had in our high school, which supposedly has a fine driver's training course; for instance, we had one lady teacher, she could drive a car all right, but the people she was trying to teach could drive circles all around her. But I am not too much interested in that part of it. I think probably the instruction is all right, but I just wonder where the people in my district, the young people, are going to get this driver's training course.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Smith.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, just two comments if I may in answer to some of the remarks made. In the first place, Massachusetts experience and the Massachusetts figures cited by the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Hendsbee, certainly are no precedent for how this may work out in Maine.

Secondly, how can it be said that it is premature to take proven methods for stopping the tragic slaughter on our highways? There is a crisis in the automobile age. We have learned through the past ten to fifteen years that driver education is one method to slow down that tragic slaughter. How can it be premature to take proven measures to stop that?

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: From some of the remarks made from the opposition to this bill, one would come to the conclusion that this was a new theory which we were attempting to introduce in the State of Maine. The law as it presently stands is that if you have had driver education, you can get a license when you are fifteen. If you have not had driver education, you have to wait until you are seventeen. This is only going to increase it from seventeen to nineteen. The arguments that the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Hendsbee, used, as far as crossing the road violating the law, this bill is not going to make any changes there. That violation would still be there. It is only reasonable to feel, from studies and so forth, that for safety factors and also for economic reasons as buying insurance, that the whole State of Maine will profit from increasing it another two years. This is not a new theory at all. It is just increasing it from seventeen to nineteen.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Harrington.

Mr. HARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: One question that I would like to have answered if I could, that has been running through my mind, is how many new departments is this

going to create in the Education Department, and how many new courses are going to have to be opened to teach these teachers to teach the children and how specialized a field is this going to be? I mean, it is nice; everything is nice, but on the other hand, we still have a certain amount of funds.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman pose a question through the Chair?

Mr. HARRINGTON: Through the Chair of anyone who may have the figures.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Harrington, poses a question through the Chair to any member who may answer if he desires.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, as I understand the law and the practice, driver education is being taught by other than the high school, and the insurance fraternity recognizes that if they are taught by a good accredited school, whether it is a high school or whether it is a privately operated one, why we will give them the same advantage in the premium rates as if they were taught in high school.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Paris, Mr. Hammond.

Mr. HAMMOND: Mr. Speaker, this bill has a very familiar ring to it. It is another attempt to take authority away from the parents and delegate it to the schools. That is something which I believe we have entirely too much of.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Driving on the highways of our state is a privilege, and with every privilege goes an obligation. Now I think it is much sadder for a person to find out that his child has killed or has been killed. Now I think that this driver education course is an obligation that we can well take.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wiscasset, Mr. Pease.

Mr. PEASE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am a signer of the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Judiciary Committee as a matter of compromise. From the testimony that was heard before the Judiciary Committee and other information which I had brought to my attention, I am firmly convinced that we can have better drivers on the highways of our state if these drivers, before they are licensed, take a driver's education course. We don't teach them merely how to steer the automobile. We don't teach them merely how to apply the brakes. We teach a lot more. We teach them something called, I believe it is, the sportsman-like driving, and we were presented a textbook on this that is being presently used in our schools.

Now I say I signed this Majority Report as a matter of compromise because after being convinced in my own mind that we should require every driver on our highways to have first taken a driver education course, and that this was the bill that was presented to the Judiciary Committee, I find that it is a practical impossibility at this time to go that far. I ask you ladies and gentlemen, is it any easier for an individual thirty years old or thirty-five or forty years old to learn to drive and to get that operator's license for the first time than it is a young man or a young woman fifteen, seventeen or nineteen? I say that it isn't.

At the same time, I recognize that throughout the State of Maine, we do not now have the facilities to give a driver education program to every individual who, for the first time, desires to be a licensed operator. The Governor's State Highway Committee came back with a compromise suggestion to the Judiciary Committee suggesting a age twenty-one be the cut-off, increasing it from seventeen to twenty-one. Again I think we recognize that in many areas of our state, there are not the facilities, the private driver education courses, available and in many areas of our state we are faced with a problem that the high schools in those areas are not taking advantage of the ten dollar per pu-

pil subsidy offered by the State in offering driver education.

I think the majority of the Committee did recognize though the problem that exists, and as Representative Smith of Bar Harbor pointed out, it certainly isn't premature to take action such as this if it can reduce in any measure, the death toll and the accident toll on our highways.

Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor requested a division.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Karkos.

Mr. KARKOS: Mr. Speaker, I have been in the insurance business thirty-five years, and I find that it isn't so much the driver education as I say for old or young. It is liquor that causes most of the accidents, specially among the younger people. Now in thirty-five years, I had just one death that took place thirty years ago, and most of these youngsters we couldn't insure at first only under the assigned risk plan. Well, most of them were hurt by it. You put them all in the same category, and I have discussed it with my company more than once. Now they have adopted a new system today. Our company will take them, but they will get credit from the assigned risk pools. They take over. I can't see where we can legislate here who is going to have an accident and who isn't. I say liquor is the cause of most of the accidents among the younger people, and I couldn't go along with this motion by Mrs. Hendricks. Thank you.

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

Mr. KENT: Mr. Speaker, this bill, actually at the present time, as the gentleman from York, Mr. Rust, has mentioned, is certainly I believe premature because definitely it would be very hard for a good many of these youngsters to get to a school where they could even get this.

Now a great deal of the boys that work on these farms, regardless of whether it is a dairy farm or a chicken farm or what type it is, they are boys that have

dropped out or they have lived on a farm all their life and sometimes they don't even enter high school. Now these boys start and they learn to drive early, and the percentage of them are very good drivers. It certainly would make a hardship upon your farming industry if this bill were passed. I certainly hope that the bill is defeated.

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

Mr. EWER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It seems to me that in our tear-shedding over the rights of a few young people, we have overlooked one rather essential side of this whole question, and that is the rights of the majority of the older people who have taken driver lessons, who are qualified as, I hope, safe drivers, and who it seems to me have certain rights to the use of the highway, not only as a privilege but as a right. We have a right to expect that the other people using that highway are at least fairly safe, that they have had at least some system of instruction in how to drive and how to act on the highways. It seems to me that this is one matter that should not be overlooked in this debate. Thank you.

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

Mr. JONES: Mr. Speaker, I won't belabor this discussion much longer. The only thing is as Mr. Ewer has said, we all have rights. I feel as though these people who happen to be unfortunate to be living in the remote areas where there is no schooling available certainly should be given consideration and rights too. If the state wants to go ahead and get these schools to take care of adults in these remote areas where there is no schooling to date so that they may take the course, I would gladly go for it. I would go for this bill. I think it is good, it has a lot of merit. But we are certainly being very unfair to these people whose income is small, and they have to travel fifty, sixty or seventy-five miles to take this course. If they have to travel that far and then pay the adult fee, it

might seem small, but the hardship to this particular individual whose income is small, I think this bill would be very unfair to him until the state goes ahead and provides schooling for them.

Mrs. Hendricks was granted permission to speak a third time.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In reference to the remarks made by the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Karkos, I would say that I believe he realizes that the insurance companies recognize the driver training course as being very beneficial and the rates go down for those who have taken the course.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Scott.

Mr. SCOTT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I want to remind you ladies and gentlemen that I believe that there is incentive enough now for the driver training courses in our high schools. The insurance companies give a ten percent credit for this discount, and I think that is incentive enough without making it compulsory.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Rust.

Mr. RUST: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make two comments, simply the fact that in most areas of the state there aren't adequate driver education facilities. In the cities and towns that do have driver education courses in their high schools, every student does not get an opportunity to take the course because there aren't enough spaces or enough teachers or enough facilities, and for every student that is trained in a high school, it costs a minimum of \$40 for the taxpayers, for which the state only gives you \$10. And last but not least, if you are fortunate to drive at all, you would still have to pass the state motor vehicle inspector's test. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks, that the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" in New Draft Report on Bill "An Act Providing for Driver Education



for Certain Applicants for Operator's Licenses," House Paper 1027, Legislative Document 1488. A division has been requested.

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

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

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Rust of York, the House voted to accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report. Sent up for concurrence.

**Conference Committee Report**

Report of the Committee of Conference 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) reporting that they are unable to agree.

(Signed)

CROMMETT of Millinocket  
ROSS of Brownville  
DUDLEY of Enfield

— Committee on part of House.

HARRINGTON of Penobscot  
HICHBORN of Piscataquis  
STILPHEN of Knox

— Committee on part of Senate.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Divided Report  
Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Authorizing the Disposal of Western Maine Sanatorium (H. P. 401) (L. D. 600)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Aroostook  
— of the Senate.

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

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WHITTAKER of Penobscot  
LOVELL of York  
— of the Senate.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Paris, Mr. Hammond.

Mr. HAMMOND: Mr. Speaker, I respectfully move that the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Paris, Mr. Hammond, moves that the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report be accepted. Is that the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Tyndale.

Mr. TYNDALE: Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that item 29 lie on the table until one week from today, April 5.

Thereupon, the Reports and Bill were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Hammond of Paris that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.

**Passed to Be Engrossed**

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

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

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 relating to Interlocal Cooperation" (S. P. 367) (L. D. 1033)

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 S. P. 367, L. D. 1033, Bill, "An Act Relating to Interlocal Cooperation."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 8-B." of section 2 by striking out in the 11th line of subsection IV the underlined Roman numeral "III" and inserting in place thereof the underlined Roman numeral "II"

House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Dogs Brought to Veterinarian" (S. P. 428) (L. D. 1171)

Bill "An Act relating to Territory of the Paris Village Corporation" (S. P. 502) (L. D. 1399)

Bill "An Act Granting Full Pension Benefits to Lillian Watson of Bangor" (H. P. 499) (L. D. 701)

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 Providing an Additional Reporter for Industrial Accident Commission" (H. P. 683) (L. D. 939)

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. 683, L. D. 939, Bill, "An Act Providing an Additional Reporter for Industrial Accident Commission."

Amend said Bill in the 6th line by striking out the word "receiving" and inserting in place thereof the word "necessary"

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

Bill "An Act Providing for Voting by New Residents in Presidential Election" (H. P. 803) (L. D. 1190)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Inland Fish and Game Laws" (H. P. 1022) (L. D. 1478)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Reporter of Decisions" (H. P. 1023) (L. D. 1479)

Resolve Providing a World War I Bonus for George E. Maroon of Lewiston (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1405)

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

### Amended Bills

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

Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 19" (S. P. 174) (L. D. 473)

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.

### Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Authorize Cumberland County to Raise Money for Court House Capital Improvements" (S. P. 283) (L. D. 797)

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

(On motion of Mrs. Smith of Fal-mouth, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.)

Bill "An Act relating to Pecuniary Interest by Municipal Officials in Municipal Contracts" (S. P. 324) (L. D. 990)

Bill "An Act relating to Proof of Municipal Ordinances" (S. P. 325) (L. D. 991)

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Negotiable Checks and Money Orders" (S. P. 354) (L. D. 1020)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Registration and Transportation of Deer" (S. P. 388) (L. D. 1091)

Bill "An Act relating to Automobile Junk Yards" (S. P. 393) (L. D. 1096)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees in Disclosure Proceedings" (S. P. 429) (L. D. 1172)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Maine Milk Law" (H. P. 172) (L. D. 241)

Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of South Portland" (H. P. 344) (L. D. 529)

Bill "An Act Providing for a New Charter for the City of Waterville" (H. P. 383) (L. D. 582)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Chief Engineer of Fire Department of City of Westbrook" (H. P. 384) (L. D. 583)

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.

**Third Reader  
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Members of Public Utilities Commission" (H. P. 505) (L. D. 707)

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

(On motion of Mr. Taylor of South Portland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.)

Bill "An Act Repealing Charter of Pittsfield Water Company and Transferring Assets to the Town of Pittsfield" (H. P. 609) (L. D. 844)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of Maine Employment Security Commission" (H. P. 682) (L. D. 938)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Insurance Commissioner" (H. P. 752) (L. D. 1081)

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement of Employee Option by Local Districts under Maine State Retirement System" (H. P. 789) (L. D. 1142)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Director of Legislative Research" (H. P. 836) (L. D. 1223)

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.

**Third Reader  
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Notice to Town of Settlement When Per-

sons Found Destitute" (H. P. 783) (L. D. 1136)

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 783, L. D. 1136, Bill, "An Act Relating to Notice to Town of Settlement When Persons Found Destitute."

Amend said Bill in the 5th line by striking out the underlined figure "7" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "30"

(On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Kingfield, tabled pending the adoption of Committee Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.)

Bill "An Act Extending Time of Validity of Motor Vehicle Registrations" (S. P. 489) (L. D. 1341)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to interrupt at this time to recognize the presence in the balcony of the House of 37 pupils from the Whitefield School, accompanied by Principal Glen Wilcox, and James Skoglund.

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

**Order out of Order**

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, April 2nd, at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 555)

Came from the Senate today read and passed.

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

**Passed to Be Enacted  
Emergency Measure**

An Act relating to Issuing of Bonds by School Administrative District No. 15 (S. P. 51) (L. D. 101)

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. 117 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.

#### Finally Passed Emergency Measure

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 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 one against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and, on motion of Mrs. Shaw of Chelsea, by unanimous consent sent forthwith to the Senate.

#### Enactor Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Effective Date for Salary Increase for County Officers (S. P. 543) (L. D. 1467)

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

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

#### Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Classifying Certain Tidelwaters in Lincoln County (H. P. 242) (L. D. 310)

An Act relating to Portland High School Athletic Commission (H. P. 482) (L. D. 733)

An Act Amending the Charter of the Westbrook Sewerage District (H. P. 488) (L. D. 690)

An Act relating to Extension of Water Service in Town of Scarborough (H. P. 490) (L. D. 692)

An Act to Include Town of Winslow in the Kennebec Water District (H. P. 491) (L. D. 693)

An Act to Extend the Charter of the R. and T. Cement Railroad Company (H. P. 492) (L. D. 694)

An Act relating to Superintendent of Schools in School Districts Employing Less Than Fifteen Teachers (H. P. 765) (L. D. 1119)

An Act Prohibiting Insurance Companies from Owning Funeral Establishments and from Contracting for Funeral Services (H. P. 800) (L. D. 1187)

An Act Correcting Certain Omissions and Inconsistencies in the Workmen's Compensation Law (H. P. 818) (L. D. 1205)

An Act Revising Laws Relating to Hairdressers (H. P. 864) (L. D. 1251)

An Act Classifying Certain Tidal Waters in Scarboro, Cumberland County (H. P. 938) (L. D. 1372)

#### Finally Passed

Resolve Providing for Retirement and Pension for Stephen A. Regina of Saco (S. P. 188) (L. D. 487)

Resolve Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Convey Part of a Public Lot in Moro Plantation (H. P. 971) (L. D. 1410)

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

#### Orders of the Day

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Increasing the Rate of Minimum Wages and Otherwise Revising the Minimum Wage Law." (H. P. 59) (L. D. 82)

Tabled — March 19, by Mr. Taylor of South Portland.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like at this time to move to substitute the bill for the report, and I would like to make a brief comment on this motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. TAYLOR: I have made this motion so that I may have the

courtesy of submitting an amendment that would make this bill more acceptable. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Taylor, that the bill be substituted for the Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oakfield, Mr. Prince.

Mr. PRINCE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This House Amendment "B", filing H-177 is certainly reasonable. Is it too much to ask that Maine citizens be entitled to a gross income of \$46.00 for forty hours of labor? I feel that Maine working men and women are worth at least what this amendment calls for, and I certainly hope that it is adopted.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I certainly hate to get up here this morning and disagree with my colleague and neighbor from South Portland, Representative Taylor, but I would like the House to be advised that this legislation in its entirety as proposed by Representative Taylor is certainly a departure of the minimum wage in its truer sense. The attempted amendment proposed by Mr. Taylor accomplishes a purpose that the majority of the Committee on Labor has already accomplished in another instrument which they felt was more in the liking and this paper is in process of coming before you in the next week or ten days. So I therefore feel that the attempt by my good friend, Representative Taylor, is not in timing of what the desires of the majority of the Labor Committee are attempting to do. I hope his motion is defeated.

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

Mr. THAANUM: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not too well informed on this bill, but I am concerned with this amendment, and I do not like to take exceptions to my good friend from Oakfield and my good friend from South Portland in the matter

of the minimum wage, but I come to you here, gentlemen, representing four small towns where I believe that the employers in that town would be much affected by any increase in the present dollar minimum wage. I am thinking of the smaller businessman.

I was very happy just a few years ago to see that a dollar minimum wage was set, and I know that in the last session when I was on the Labor Committee that we had considerable discussion about the minimum wage law, but I just want to go on record as opposed to this amendment, ladies and gentlemen. I think that perhaps for myself, it occurs to me, thinking of my people back home, I am wondering if this amendment goes through whether I will dare to go back home. Ladies and gentlemen I thank you.

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

Mr. MENDES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There has been no hearing on this bill or amendment. It is completely different from the bill we heard before our Labor Committee that was presented to us.

There is another bill in the works now that would do what Mr. Taylor is apparently attempting to do with this amendment, and I would like you to bear in mind that the report of the Committee on this bill that came out was unanimous ten to one "Ought not to pass" and I heartily concur with the gentlemen Mr. Brown and Mr. Thaanum.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Gifford.

Mr. GIFFORD: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Labor, I would like to wholeheartedly concur with and support the view of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Brown. This bill in its original form had a full hearing and consideration by the Labor Committee, and it reported it out unanimously "Ought not to pass". The majority of that committee took the action in this field on another L. D., Legislative Document 482 which proposes substantially what the gentle-

man from South Portland, Mr. Taylor now would put before you. It is consequently my feeling that his motion before you should not prevail, being in the category of being covered by other legislation, and that L. D. 82 is no longer necessary to accomplish his purpose, the purpose which the majority of the Committee on Labor feels might desirably be accomplished and should be — have its unanimous "Ought not to pass" Committee Report accepted here this morning.

Mr. Taylor of South Portland requested a division.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Taylor, that we substitute Bill "An Act Increasing the Rate of Minimum Wages and Otherwise Revising the Minimum Wage Law," House Paper 59, Legislative Document 82, for the Committee "Ought not to pass" Report. A division has been requested. All those in favor of substituting the bill for the report will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Thirty-one having voted in the affirmative and seventy-eight having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

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

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

Mr. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, is this bill still debatable?

The SPEAKER: The bill has been defeated, and the report.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought to Pass in New Draft (H. P. 1015) (L. D. 1469) — Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Permit and Regulate Dredging in Great Ponds." (H. P. 164) (L. D. 213)

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

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

On motion of Mr. Easton of Winterport, the "Ought to pass in New Draft" Committee Report was accepted, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Fee for Tags in Registering Deer." (H. P. 40) (L. D. 63) — In House Bill Substituted for Report and Engrossed as Amended (Filing H-81)— In Senate ONTP Report Accepted in Non-Concurrence.

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Rust of York.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Dudley of Enfield to Recede and Concur.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion in order that Representative Rust or someone may offer an amendment. I withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, withdraws his motion that the House recede and concur.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Rust.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Rust of York, the House voted to insist.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Clarifying the Use of Artificial Lights During Open Season for Hunting Deer." (H. P. 887) (L. D. 1272)

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Foster of Mechanic Falls.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mechanic Falls, Mr. Foster.

Mr. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, this item four was tabled for the purpose of studying another bill which covered the same subject matter. I now wish to move that the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee be accepted.

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

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Dependent Children." (H. P. 957) (L. D. 1391)

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: I believe this bill was recommended by the Governor, but it didn't call for quite so much money I think in his recommendation, but there is much to be considered. I realize that a number of states have adopted this measure, but we find in making a study of this that it is going to mean a great deal of help needed in the Welfare Department, and we are way behind in the amount of help that we should have at this time.

Now we find that the Federal Government has given us until 1967 to get in line whereby we can continue to get support for ADC \$3.00 from the Federal Government for \$1.00 for ourselves, and at the present time because the case load is so heavy why we are only getting \$1.00 from the Federal Government for \$1.00 for salaries, because we do have — the case load is so heavy that the Federal Government will not go along with it. In fact we have some case loads in ADC up near 300 — no, in the general, ADC is 95. So I think it would be unfortunate to load us up any heavier at this particular time.

Now I do think we should have further study on this, and I would respectfully request that this be turned over to the Legislative Research Committee and let them make a study and bring in a report to the next Legislature, and I so move.

The SPEAKER: The motion to refer to the Legislative Research Committee is not in order at this time.

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

Mr. CURTIS: May I ask, would it be in order if I moved to substitute the bill for the report, then could I do it?

The SPEAKER: That motion is in order.

Mr. CURTIS: Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to substitute the bill for the report that I may ask to have it referred.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that the House substitute the bill for the report.

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

Mr. MacLEOD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is probably the worst piece of legislation that I have seen this session. There is a \$400,000 price tag on it. This is just an experiment, a pilot study so-called that is given to us by the director of Health and Welfare. This is just to start in. When this bill is fully implemented, this will require probably between three and six million dollars to take care of part of the unemployed fathers. Keep in mind that when a parent is on unemployment compensation and his benefits run out, under this bill he would be eligible to go on ADC, and ADC will go on as long as there is a child in that household under eighteen years of age, which is very little incentive for that father to go and seek employment. This bill does not require participation by the municipalities as they do under regular ADC of eighteen percent, and yet the Maine Municipal Association is one hundred percent opposed to this bill in any form. The State Welfare Directors Association is opposed to this bill. This came out of the committee ten to nothing "Ought not to pass". I hope the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham is defeated.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of posing a parliamentary inquiry. Assuming that the bill is substituted for the report, is it possible for this branch then

to refer this matter to the Legislative Research Committee?

The SPEAKER: For the information of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, even though this matter may be defeated this morning, an order may be introduced to refer this to the interim committee on Legislative Research relative to the subject matter contained in the bill.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. McGee.

Mr. McGEE: Mr. Speaker, this bill I am looking it over, Members of the House, is both unnecessary and expensive, and it is time we began to look at some of these bills and see what they are going to cost. I don't think we need to go any farther on this bill or that it is necessary to refer it to further consideration. We don't need it. I think the "Ought not to pass" Report ought to prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that the House substitute the Bill for the Report. Is the House ready for the question?

As many as are in favor will say yes; those opposed, no.

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Providing for Life Preservers for Boats for Hire" (H. P. 35) (L. D. 58) — In House Read Once.

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth.

Pending — Second Reading.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its second reading and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought to Pass — Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Equipment and Safe Op-

eration of Boats." (H. P. 283) (L. D. 377)

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth, the "Ought to pass" Committee Report was accepted, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

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

Bill "An Act to Revise Certain Motor Vehicle Laws." (S. P. 346) (L. D. 1011) In Senate Engrossed as Amended. (Filing S-68) — In House Read the Third Time.

Tabled — March 22, by Mr. Finley of Washington.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

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

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

AN ACT relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles Required to be Registered in Another State by Maine Residents. (S. P. 345) (L. D. 1010) — Engrossed in both Branches.

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

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Finley of Washington, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.

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

AN ACT relating to Resident Requirements for Malt Liquor Wholesale License." (H. P. 669) (L. D. 925) — Engrossed in both Branches.

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

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed on March 13.

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.



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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 669, L. D. 925, Bill, "An Act Relating to Resident Requirements for Malt Liquor Wholesale License."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined last 2 lines and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence:

**"Any wholesaler, if a person, shall have been a resident of this State for 6 months or, if a corporation, shall have conducted business in this State for 6 months before a license may be issued."**

House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought not to pass — Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Display of Name of Owner or Lessee of Trucks." (H. P. 710) (L. D. 966)

Tabled — March 26, by Mr. Mendes of Topsham.

Pending — Acceptance of the Report.

On motion of Mr. Linnekin of Limington, the "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-148) — Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Increasing Exemption of Veteran's Property from Taxation." (H. P. 695) (L. D. 951)

Tabled—March 26, by Mr. Easton of Winterport.

Pending — Acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of the bill and all accompanying papers.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of

the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, that the Report and Bill be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Wade.

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: L. D. 951 was introduced by me. When I came to the convention of the 101st Legislature I can assure you I had nothing along those thoughts in my mind. However, there was L. D. 217 introduced to the House and my mail became so heavy in opposition to it that I spent some weekends investigating some of the authors of some of the letters. I was amazed to find particularly in some of the smaller areas of my community the almost destitute situation that prevailed in some of the older veterans' homes. Pride in practically every instance was manifest. Some of the letters read to the effect that my husband is seventy-six years old, slightly incapacitated, living on a small pension, too old and ill to look for any other supplement by the way of employment. Those things continued to multiply as I extended my efforts of investigation.

It was with that thought in mind that I presented L. D. 951. As most of the members who attended the hearing realize I think from that hearing, the extensive and intensive interest that was displayed. The Committee's Report was unanimous that the bill "Ought to pass".

I am not going to become emotional over this particular piece of legislation, although I sometimes feel that perhaps I should. I think of some of the things that we encounter and just wonder what goes on in the minds of some of the legislators who are going to express themselves over this piece of legislation. Without any further ado, Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the "Ought to pass" Report.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Representative Easton. First, let me say that this veterans exemption was a

matter which was passed by the Legislature I believe around 1919. At that time that particular session must have taken into consideration what the average and general valuation was of the property throughout the state. They determined that a fair valuation for an exemption was in the vicinity of \$3,500. Subsequent to that, many towns and cities have increased their valuation. Therefore, it would mean that the veterans who are entitled to exemption dollarwise are receiving less of an exemption. An example such as this, I believe that one of our cities which was South Portland, a few years ago their valuation was around twenty-five percent of the market value. Therefore, if a piece of property was valued at \$2,500 where a veteran was entitled to \$3,500 exemption, he received the total exemption or the total tax. The City of South Portland, subsequent to that, had raised their valuation to about the market value; therefore the veteran whose property was valued at \$2,500 his property now would probably be valued at \$10,000 or \$12,000. Therefore, he is only receiving a twenty-five percent exemption, which means for my purposes he is only getting an exemption of one-fourth of what his actual taxes are. The only purpose of this legislation is to increase it so the veterans are going to somewhat get what they were originally entitled to by a previous Legislature. Therefore, I rise in opposition to the motion of the gentleman from Winterport.

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

Mr. KENT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in support of the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, for my reasons which I will give you. As I attend different sessions of the Maine Municipal Association Conventions and Assessors meetings and so on and so forth, we meet with different assessors and selectmen from all over the state. We find that a great many of these towns are still valuing their property very low, and that they have not gone into the revaluation program. And that in a good many cases the veterans are actually tax

exempt because in some cases where even a \$10,000 home, the valuation in these towns may be only \$2,000 or \$3,000, yet your mill rate will be very high. And another thing I want to bring out to you is that this does have a price tag on it, because after you get over a certain percentage of exemption in your town, then you can apply for a rebate from the state. So this does have a price tag. I sincerely believe until we have had many more revaluation programs in these small towns and brought our valuation up somewhere near where it should be, that this should be left where it is today. I thank you.

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, before we vote on this, ladies and gentlemen of the House, I think a few additional facts might be helpful.

We are talking not only about approximately 10,000 World War I veterans, we are also talking about approximately 90,000 World War II and Korean veterans who will be in number according to mortality tables approximately 76,000 at age sixty-two. It is presently costing the municipalities in the State of Maine in the biennium approximately \$4,000,000 for the present \$3,500 tax exemption for World War I veterans. It is presently costing, or at least the appropriation requested \$207,000 for the coming biennium for the State reimbursement of towns who have gone over their three percent. The requested increase is in the neighborhood of fourteen percent, granting in some cases low valuations will make this somewhat ineffective, it is not unreasonable to state that the increase in costs will be in the neighborhood of ten percent. In other words, we are talking about a quarter of a million dollars now, today, representing the two million of the municipalities and the \$207,000 of the state. Ten percent of that is in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are trustees of the State of Maine; not the Ford Foundation. Now I disagree — or I am very unhappy to disagree with my good friend and

roommate, Mr. MacLeod from Brewer, who a little while ago said that a certain bill he was discussing was the worst piece of legislation that this session has seen. I disagree with him. I believe this particular bill is. I move a division.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, is technically correct, this does also cover World War II veterans. I am at the present time concerned with World War I veterans. There is no World War II veteran at the present time, except for a very few who are totally disabled, who will be affected by this legislation. This legislation will not affect World War II veterans until approximately 1980, and come 1980 we can face that problem at that time.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. McGee.

Mr. MCGEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I call attention to this fact, one thing you may have forgotten, there is an amendment on this bill, and the original bill called for an exemption of \$5,000, which was the original amount of the bill years ago when it was passed. It has been reduced now to \$3,500, but the amendment on this bill at the present time would reduce it from \$5,000 to \$4,000. I am just saying that, not speaking either for or against the bill, but for your consideration.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, that Bill "An Act Increasing Exemption of Veteran's Property from Taxation" and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested. All those in favor of the indefinite postponement of this matter will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had.

Forty-two having voted in the affirmative and sixty-seven having

voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the "Ought to pass" Committee Report was accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 695, L. D. 951, Bill, "An Act Increasing Exemption of Veteran's Property from Taxation."

Amend said Bill in the 6th line by striking out the underlined figure "\$5,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$4,000'

Further amend said Bill in the 22nd line by striking out the underlined figure "\$5,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$4,000'

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

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

HOUSE REPORT "A" (5) — Ought to pass — Report "B" (5) — Ought not to pass — Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Minors Under Eighteen Years of Age." (H. P. 377) (L. D. 552)

Tabled — March 26, by Mr. Gifford of Manchester.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion of Mr. Ewer of Bangor, retabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3.

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

AN ACT relating to Appointment and Duties of Deputy Registers of Probate. (H. P. 927) (L. D. 1361) — Engrossed in both Branches.

Tabled — March 26, by Mr. Thornton of Belfast.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Thornton of Belfast, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action of March 14 whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Thornton.

Mr. THORNTON: Mr. Speaker, the Department of the Attorney General has suggested an amendment to the terminology of this bill, and I offer House Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 927, L. D. 1361, Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment and Duties of Deputy Registers of Probate."

Amend said Bill in the 3rd line from the end by inserting after the underlined words "act as register" the underlined words "pro tempore"

House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Members of Council of City of Portland." (H. P. 604) (L. D. 839) — Engrossment Reconsidered.

Tabled — March 26, by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. LIBBY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move for an indefinite postponement and ask permission to say a few words.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. LIBBY: Mr. Speaker, the Charter Review Committee in 1959 in Portland, which consisted of fifteen members — these people were made up from all walks of life and of both political parties, voted at that time that the pay of the Portland City Council should be \$750 per annum. The question before us today is to raise that pay to \$1200. I do not question the amount, certainly it is well earned; but we have just concluded a revaluation program in this City. I am a member of that Council and a mem-

ber of the Finance Committee, and in view of the results of that revaluation survey, whereby the valuation of Portland has decreased fifty-four millions of dollars less than what we had thought it had been, and seventy-five to hundred million dollars less than what we had hoped it would be, I feel that any increase for the City Council is very much out of order. Therefore, I ask for this indefinite postponement. Thank you.

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

Mr. MINSKY: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of Mrs. Kilroy, I move that this matter be tabled until the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Minsky, that this be tabled until the next legislative day. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

All those in favor of tabling, please say aye; those opposed, no.

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

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the indefinite postponement of the Bill. Is the House ready for the question? All those in favor of indefinite postponement, will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

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

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

Bill "An Act relating to Length of Residence for Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans." (S. P. 72) (L. D. 122) — In House Read the Third Time.

Tabled—March 27, by Mr. Easton of Winterport.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, this is obviously my week to talk about veterans. With no great hope of

success, but nevertheless a desire to face myself in the mirror tomorrow morning when I shave, I move that this bill here and the accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. Only one sentence in argument on that motion. If we are bound that we are going to create the largest soldiers and sailors relief home in the universe, let us at least keep it for the residents of the State of Maine.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, that this Bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton. I feel that we are getting involved in a measure such as this as class legislation. I am not too familiar with the bill but, from reading the bill, apparently there are some veterans whose residence has not been for ten years and therefore to qualify under our general law, it has been lowered down to seven. I am afraid that if we started doing that, that in the next legislative session, there would be a bill bringing it down to five, a bill bringing it down to four and then down to three and practically doing away as far as the residence requirement is concerned. I dislike seeing a general law going into the books for the purpose of affecting maybe a half dozen veterans in this state. Therefore, I shall go along with the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, that item sixteen be indefinitely postponed.

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

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

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

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

Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Certain Municipal Records." (H. P. 746) (L. D. 1075)—In House Read the Third Time.

Tabled — March 27, by Mrs. Shaw of Chelsea.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mrs. Shaw of Chelsea offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 746, L. D. 1075, Bill, "An Act Relating to Disposal of Certain Municipal Records."

Amend said Bill in the last line by striking out the underlined figure and the abbreviation "10 yrs." and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'yrs. 10 years or 5 years after the maturity of the instrument, whichever is greater'**

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 eighteenth 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) (Amendment Filing H-125)—Read the Third Time.

Tabled — March 27, by Mr. Smith of Strong.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Strong, 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 nineteenth 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 27, by Mr. MacGregor of Eastport.

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

On motion of Mr. Kent of Benton, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Chapman of Norway to accept Report "B," "Ought not to pass" and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.

The Chair laid before the House the twentieth 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 "A" (Filing S-72)— In House Committee Amendment "A" adopted, House Amendment "A" adopted (Filing H-153) Read Third Time.

Tabled — March 27, by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Wellman of Bangor presented House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S. P. 39, L. D. 32, Bill, "An Act Relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of the 6th paragraph of that part designated "Sec. 13-A" of section 1, the following underlined sentence:

**'Motor vehicles 25 years or older registered as antique automobiles shall be deemed in proper condition if the mechanical condition of the vehicle conforms to the original mechanical condition of such vehicle.'**

House Amendment "B" was adopted in non-concurrence.

Mr. Wellman of Bangor offered House Amendment "C" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to S. P. 39, L. D. 32, Bill, "An Act Relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 13-G." of Section 1 by striking out in the next to last line the underlined figure "3½" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '4'

House Amendment "C" was adopted in non-concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Might I inquire through the Chair how many amendments are now attached to this bill?

The SPEAKER: For the information of the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, there are four amendments attached to the bill.

Mr. DUDLEY: Now I think on this piece of legislation, ladies and gentlemen, four is not enough. In my opinion, I don't know as ten amendments will cover it. I would like to take this bill over to the State Police and talk with them about it. It's been my line of business for about thirty years, and I am sure that the man that wrote it didn't know much about what he was writing. Maybe I can sit down with him and cover in one or two amendments some of the other objections, and therefore I would like to table it until about two weeks from today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman has debated his motion prior to introducing it, therefore the matter is still before the House.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be tabled for two weeks from today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt, moves that item 20 be tabled until two weeks from today. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Edwards of Raymond was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to call your attention to the Report of the Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded, which has been placed on our desks this morning. I urge you to read the report, that we may better understand the work of the Commit-

tee, and what it is attempting to accomplish.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

Mrs. Shaw of Chelsea was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mrs. SHAW: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am sure you would all be interested to know that one of our colleagues, the Honorable Roland Tardiff of Lewiston, is a patient at Togus Veterans Administration Hospital. He is in the isolation ward at the present time

on Ward 9, and therefore is not receiving too many visitors. I'm sure that he would appreciate a card or a note from many of you. I have been visiting him occasionally in isolation, and I know that he would like to hear from you. He appreciated the flowers which the House sent to him recently, and wished me to express his appreciation to you all.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Hope,

Adjourned until Tuesday, April 2, at ten o'clock in the morning.