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HOUSE

Wednesday, April 10, 1963

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Milton Smith of the Methodist Church, Brownville Junction.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Majority and Minority Leaders, and Assistant Leaders of the Senate and House be and hereby are authorized during the current biennium to attend the conferences of The National Conference of State Legislative Leaders; and that their necessary expenses be paid from the Legislative Appropriation; and be it further

ORDERED, that the dues of the State of Maine for membership in said conference be paid from the Legislative Appropriation (S. P. 567)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Leeman Grant of Columbia Falls (S. P. 499) (L. D. 1396) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Education reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Creating a Board of Trustees for the Maine Vocational Technical Institute" (S. P. 52) (L. D. 102)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Increasing Retirement Benefits of Irving W. Small of Milbridge (S. P. 256) (L. D. 630)

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Unexpended Excise Taxes on Sardines" (S. P. 335) (L. D. 1000)

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Permitting Sale of Liquor by Passenger Boat Corporations" (H. P. 673) (L. D. 929) on which the House accepted the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Liquor Control and passed the Bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" on March 27.

Came from the Senate with the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Rankin of Southport, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Senate Report

Report of the Civil War Centennial Commission — November 7, 1959 — January 3, 1963 (S. P. 566)

Came from the Senate ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Report was ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Messages and Documents**THE SENATE OF MAINE**

Augusta

April 9, 1963

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

Sir:

The President of the Senate today appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate to

join the House on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on:

Bill, "An Act Providing for Separate Voting Place for Connor" (H. P. 728) (L. D. 1057)

Senators:

BROOKS of Cumberland
STITHAM of Somerset
FARRIS of Kennebec

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

CHESTER T. WINSLOW
Secretary of the Senate

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair will appoint the following conferees on the part of the House on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Providing for Separate Voting Place for Connor," House Paper 728, Legislative Document 1057:

Messrs. ALBAIR of Caribou
BINNETTE of Old Town
LEVESQUE of Madawaska

The SPEAKER: Also at this time the Chair will appoint the following conferees on the part of the House on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Limiting the Amount of Salary of Certain State Officers," House Paper 830, Legislative Document 1217:

Messrs. ANDERSON of Ellsworth
WADE of Skowhegan
COOKSON of Glenburn

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Resolve, approved by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills for appearance on House Calendar, less than one-tenth of the members present objecting, was received and referred to the following Committee:

Retirements and Pensions

Resolve Providing State Pension for Guy C. Brown of Portland (H. P. 1042) (Presented by Mrs. Hendricks of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mrs. Lincoln of Bethel, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time will request that Representative Dana Childs come to the rostrum, and the Sergeant-at-Arms will please escort him to serve as Speaker pro tem.

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

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Publications of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (H. P. 589) (L. D. 827) which was recommended, reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Knight from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Building of a Private Road Across a Portion of Square Pond in Shapleigh (H. P. 291) (L. D. 385)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Hutchins from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Newtuck Corporation of Portland" (H. P. 421) (L. D. 574)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Labor reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Persons Because of Age" (H. P. 929) (L. D. 1363)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wellman from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Creating a State Lottery for the State of Maine" (H. P. 932) (L. D. 1366)

Report was read and accepted.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I move we reconsider our action whereby we accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report on this measure, and when you vote, I hope that you vote against me.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, moves that we reconsider our action whereby we accepted the Committee Report that this Bill "Ought not to pass."

All those in favor of reconsidering this action will say aye; those opposed no.

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

Sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Drafts Printed

Mr. Wellman from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Employment of Funeral Directors by Cemeteries" (H. P. 935) (L. D. 1369) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1043) (L. D. 1510) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Osborn from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Binders on Pulpwood, Logs or Bolts Hauled in Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 797) (L. D. 1150) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1045) (L. D. 1512) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Hobbs from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Eating Places" (H. P. 638) (L. D. 894)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Linnekin from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Permit to Operate Certain Farm Trucks" (H. P. 857) (L. D. 1244)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Coulthard of Scarborough, tabled pending second

reading and specially assigned for Friday, April 12.)

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair at this time is happy to recognize in the balcony of the House, students from Williams High School in Oakland in a Class of Problems of Democracy. They are accompanied by their teachers, Mr. Atwood and Mr. Campbell.

The Chair at this time, on behalf of the House, is pleased to welcome you and hopes that your visit will be a profitable and educational one. (Applause)

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Wellman from the Committee on Municipal Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government for Town of Gorham" (H. P. 161) (L. D. 223) 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. 161, L. D. 223, Bill, "An Act Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government for Town of Gorham."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 403 of article IV and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 403. Vacancy. If for any reason a vacancy shall exist in the membership of the superintending school committee, it shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of said committee until the next municipal election.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "603-1" of section 603 of article VI and inserting in place thereof the following:

'603-1. Review on behalf of the assessor written applications of taxpayers for abatement and make recommendations relative thereto to the assessor.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph of section 901 of article IX and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

'If, within 14 days (excluding legal holidays and Sundays) after the publication of any such ordinance, resolution or vote, a petition signed by not less than 200 electors of the Town of Gorham is filed with the town clerk requesting its reference to a referendum the council shall fix the time and place of such referendum which shall be within 14 days after the filing of the petition, and notice thereof shall be given in the manner provided by law for the calling of a referendum. An ordinance, resolution or vote so referred shall take effect upon the conclusion of such referendum unless a majority of those voting thereon shall have voted in the negative; and provided that the total number of votes cast for and against equals or exceeds 20 percent of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the Town of Gorham at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the first and last sentences of section 902 of article IX and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Subject to the provisions of section 901, not less than 200 electors of the town may at any time petition over their personal signatures for the enactment of any proposed lawful ordinance by filing such petition, including the complete text of such ordinance, with the town clerk.'

'Such ordinance shall take effect on the 10th day after the conclusion of such referendum provided that a majority of those voting thereon, shall have voted in the affirmative; and provided that the total number of votes cast for and against equals or exceeds 20 percent of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the Town of Gorham at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the first and last sentences of section 903 of article IX and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Not less than 200 electors of the town may at any time petition, over their personal signatures, for the submission of an amendment of this charter to the next regular session of the Legislature by filing

such petition at least 90 days prior to the next regular session of the Legislature including the complete text of such amendment with the town clerk.'

'The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the said next regular session of the Legislature provided that at least a majority of those voting thereon, shall have voted in the affirmative; and provided that the total number of votes cast for and against equals or exceeds 20 percent of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the Town of Gorham at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the last sentence of the next to the last paragraph of the referendum and inserting in place thereof the following:

'This act shall take effect for the purpose of nominating and electing officers hereunder immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 20 percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election, and for all other purposes this act shall take effect immediately following the first election held under the provisions of this charter.'

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

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing that the Legislative Research Committee Study the Creation of a District Court System for Probate Courts" (H. P. 466) (L. D. 670)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. FARRIS of Kennebec
CAMPBELL of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Messrs. CHILDS of Portland
BERMAN of Houlton
RUST of York
SMITH of Bar Harbor
THORNTON of Belfast
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1044) (L. D. 1511) under title of "An Act Providing for a Committee on Probate Courts to Study the Creation of an Integrated Probate Court System" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. BOARDMAN of Washington
— of the Senate.

Messrs. PEASE of Wiscasset
KNIGHT of Rockland
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor, the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Create the Office of Public Defender" (H. P. 869) (L. D. 1256)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BOARDMAN of Washington
FARRIS of Kennebec
CAMPBELL of Kennebec
RUST of York
SMITH of Bar Harbor
THORNTON of Belfast
KNIGHT of Rockland
PEASE of Wiscasset
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee on same Bill reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted t h e r e -with.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. CHILDS of Portland
— of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 12.)

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Labor reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Females in Certain Occupations" (H. P. 469) (L. D. 673)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. COUTURE of Androscoggin
— of the Senate.

Messrs. PRINCE of Oakfield
GIFFORD of Manchester
NOEL of Waterville
DUNN of Denmark
EWER of Bangor
BROWN of South Portland
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. JOHNSON of Somerset
HINDS of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

Mr. MENDES of Topsham
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. EWER: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the Majority "Ought to pass" Report on L. D. 673, and ask permission to speak briefly regarding it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. EWER: Mr. Speaker, the original limit of \$1560 to separate the so-called executive woman from the non-executive type is of many years standing when wages and salaries were much lower than they are at present. This sets the figure at \$3640 which, under the present day scale rates, is much more in order than the previous figure. The difference between the executive and the working woman has been used by unscrupulous employers to get around the fifty-four hour minimum wage law and it seemed to the majority of your Committee on Labor that this was a step in the right direction to remedy that fault. I ask your concern on approval of this measure. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ewer, moves that the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report on L. D. 673, "An Act relating to Employment of Females in Certain Occupations." Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

All those in favor of accepting the Majority "Ought to pass" Report, will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division of the House was had.

Eighty-one having voted in the affirmative and six having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail. The "Ought to pass" Report was accepted, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

First Reader

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Industrial Project under Maine Industrial Building Authority Act." (H. P. 104) (L. D. 148)

The Bill was read twice.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 104, L. D. 148, Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Industrial Project under Maine Industrial Building Authority Act."

Amend said Bill in the last 2 lines by striking out the underlined words "or associations thereof"

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Provide for Special Deputy Clerks of Court" (S. P. 403) (L. D. 1106)

Bill "An Act Transferring Duties of Commissioner of Agriculture Relating to Shellfish to Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries and Revising Laws Thereto" (S. P. 554) (L. D. 1489)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Oakfield, Island Falls, Dyer Brook, Merrill, Smyrna and Crystal to Form a School Administrative District" (H. P. 1007) (L. D. 1458)

Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Laws Relating to Bowling Alleys and Billiard Rooms and Relating to Minors Therein" (H. P. 1039) (L. D. 1506)

Bill "An Act relating to Recording of a Memorandum of Lease of Real Estate" (H. P. 1040) (L. D. 1507)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read

the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**Third Reader
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Out-of-State Credit for Service of Members of Maine State Retirement System" (H. P. 1041) (L. D. 1508)

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

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

Mr. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, I move that item 6, L. D. 1508 lay on the table until Thursday, April 18.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Taylor, moves that item 6, legislative document 1508, lie upon the table and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 18, pending passage to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

All those in favor of this lying upon the table, will please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division of the House was had.

Fifty-eight having voted in the affirmative and thirty-five having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did prevail.

Resolve for Purchase of Copies of "Maine Province and Court Records, Volume V" (S. P. 169) (L. D. 468)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Providing for Area Directional Sign on Maine Turnpike for Andover-Rumford Area" (S. P. 360) (L. D. 1026)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Pensions of Certain Retired Teachers" (H. P. 246) (L. D. 314)

Bill "An Act relating to Courses of Study at and Degrees by the State Teachers' Colleges" (H. P. 636) (L. D. 892)

Bill "An Act Repealing Laws Requiring Fences Around Burying Grounds" (H. P. 876) (L. D. 1416)

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.

Resolve Reimbursing Certain Municipalities on Account of Property Tax Exemptions of Veterans (S. P. 97) (L. D. 234)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair at this time is happy to recognize in the balcony of the House, fifty-two students from the Hallowell Junior High School, with their teachers, Mr. Harold Burt and Mr. Melville Hansen.

The Chair, on behalf of the House, wishes you a very cordial welcome and hopes that your visit will be a profitable and an educational one. (Applause)

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Directing Review of Maine Criminal Statutes and Model Penal Code (S. P. 273) (L. D. 787)

An Act Amending the Act of Incorporation of the Associated Hospital Service of Maine (S. P. 276) (L. D. 790)

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

Enactor

Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Violations of Law by Parolees of Reformatory for Men (S. P. 295) (L. D. 868)

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

(On motion of Mrs. Smith of Bar Harbor, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 16.)

An Act relating to Definition of Potatoes and Shipper under the Potato Tax Law (S. P. 306) (L. D. 972)

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

Enactor

Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Sewer Service Charges (S. P. 331) (L. D. 996)

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

(On motion of Mr. Prince of Harpswell, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Friday, April 12.)

An Act relating to Request for Arraignment in Vacation (S. P. 363) (L. D. 1029)

An Act relating to Placing Objects on Utility Poles Without Consent (S. P. 450) (L. D. 1279)

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

Enactor

Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles Owned by Domestic Corporations, Partnerships, Charitable Institutions and Religious Societies (S. P. 464) (L. D. 1291)

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

(On motion of Mr. Humphrey of Augusta, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Friday, April 19.)

An Act to Establish and Regulate Commercial Driver Education Schools and Instructors (S. P. 478) (L. D. 1330)

An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the South Paris Village Corporation (S. P. 501) (L. D. 1398)

An Act Providing for Fire Protection for Certain Townships in Franklin County (H. P. 73) (L. D. 35)

An Act Providing for Public Dumps for Jerusalem and Crocker-town, Franklin County (H. P. 73) (L. D. 36)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and

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

An Act relating to the Beginning of Standard Time (H. P. 156) (L. D. 207)

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

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

Mr. EWER: Mr. Speaker, I move for indefinite postponement of this item 13, House Paper 156, L. D. 207, and request permission to speak briefly.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House now is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ewer, that item 13, L. D. 207, be indefinitely postponed, and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. EWER: Mr. Speaker, since I have worked for a good many years before my retirement, and that two times for six months out of the year, and knowing as I do that the months of February and March are rather tough on school children that have to start for school an hour earlier than they already have to. In view of the fact that this bill has an amendment attached to it provided it doesn't take effect until the other New England States do so, I think we are anticipating ourselves a little bit, and that is the reason for which I move indefinite postponement of this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ewer, that this matter be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Oberg.

Mr. OBERG: Mr. Speaker, I introduced this bill, and in answer to the comments of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ewer, the purpose of the bill was, I thought, to give a greater amount of daylight hours to a great majority of people. As he has mentioned, it has been amended so that it would not become effective unless the rest of the New England States and New York also made the change. This was amended by Committee Amendment.

I might point out the fact that in comparing — by the way, this bill simply moves the beginning of Daylight Time from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in February, thereby giving us, I feel, an hour more daylight hours for two months. The length of the day comparing October, when we go off Daylight Saving Time, as compared to the length of the day in February — I think Mr. Ewer mentioned this, the length of the day in February would be eleven hours, the length of the day in October, ten hours and 36 minutes. As far as the sun rising is concerned, there is eighteen minutes differential between October and February. I know this is somewhat complicated, but I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ewer, that this matter be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of indefinite postponement will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division of the House was had.

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

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

**Enactor
Recommitted**

An Act relating to Requirements, Appointment and Term of the Adjutant General (H. P. 250) (L. D. 319)

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

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Edgington, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action of February 12 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the House voted to recommit the Bill to the Committee on State Government in non-concurrence and send up for concurrence.

An Act relating to Territorial Limits, Quorum and Powers of South

Freeport Water District (H. P. 550) (L. D. 765)

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

Enactor
Tabled and Assigned

An Act Empowering the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine to Prescribe Rules in Criminal Cases (H. P. 654) (L. D. 910)

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

(On motion of Mr. Ewer of Bangor, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 16.)

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

An Act relating to Vacancy in the Office of County Commissioner and Appointment of Clerks of Courts and Clerks Pro Tempore (H. P. 816) (L. D. 1203)

An Act relating to Duty of State Historian in Submitting Names for Designating Memorial Bridges or Highways (H. P. 831) (L. D. 1218)

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)

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)

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

An Act relating to Archaeological Excavations (H. P. 1028) (L. D. 1491)

Finally Passed

Resolve to Change the Name of Crockertown, Franklin County, to Sugarloaf Township (H. P. 973) (L. D. 1412)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair is happy at this time to recognize in the balcony of the House, fifty seniors from Skowhegan High School, under supervision of David Mattsen, teacher of American History. These students and this teacher are being sponsored by the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Wade.

The Chair, on behalf of the House, wishes you a very cordial welcome, and we hope that your visit here is an educational one. (Applause)

At this point, Speaker Kennedy returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER KENNEDY: The Chair thanks the gentleman very much for his masterful performance as Speaker pro tem, and I am happy that the House joins with me in the congratulations.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, to his seat on the Floor, amid the applause of the House, and Speaker Kennedy resumed the Chair.

Orders of the Day

The Chair laid before the House the Special Order of the Day:

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1964, and June 30, 1965." (S. P. 549) (L. D. 1481)

Pending Question — Third Reading.

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

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move this be made a Special Order of the Day one week from Thursday by unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman, asks unanimous consent that this matter be tabled and made a special order of the day for Thursday, April 18. Is this the pleasure of the House? (Cries of "No")

The Chair hears a doubt, and it is not ordered.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this bill be tabled until one week from Thursday.

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston then requested a division on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith, moves that the Special Order of the Day be tabled until one week from Thursday, April 18, and a division has been requested.

All those in favor of this matter being tabled until Thursday, April 18, will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Mr. JALBERT of Lewiston: Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. JALBERT: I ask for a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, requests a roll call. For the Chair to order a roll call, it must have the expressed desire of one-fifth of the members present. All those desiring a Roll Call, will please rise and remain standing until counted.

Twenty members arose.

The SPEAKER: Obviously, less than one-fifth having arose, a roll call is not ordered.

Ninety-two having voted in the affirmative and twenty-six having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did prevail.

Thereupon, the Special Order of the Day was tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Thursday, April 18.

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

Bill "An Act Providing for Area Directional Sign for Bethel on Maine Turnpike." (H. P. 101) (L. D. 145) — Com. "A" (Filing H-195) — Read Third Time.

Tabled — April 5, by Mrs. Lincoln of Bethel.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Drake of Bath, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 19.

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

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

Tabled—April 5, by Mr. MacPhail of Owl's Head.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

On motion of Mr. MacPhail of Owl's Head, retabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 12.

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

AN ACT Providing for Transportation of Deer by Maine Members of Armed Forces. (H. P. 38) (L. D. 61) — Enacted in House—Indefinitely Postponed in Senate.

Tabled—April 9, by Mr. Karkos of Lisbon.

Pending—Further Consideration.

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

Mr. KARKOS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Since this item has been included under L. D. 1051, I now move for indefinite postponement of this bill.

Thereupon, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in indefinite postponement.

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

SENATE REPORT—Ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing S-88)—Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Furnishing Liquor to Certain Persons." (S. P. 328) (L. D. 993)—In Senate Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" (Filing S-101)

Tabled—March 27, by Mr. Smith of Bar Harbor.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: L. D. 993 concerns the penalty for the

offense of procuring liquor providing it to minors. There is another bill, L. D. 667 still in committee, which is identical to L. D. 993, as amended in the other body except for the amount of the fine. I have conferred with the sponsor of the other bill, and I think in the interest of consistency and orderly procedure here, we should postpone indefinitely L. D. 993, and I so move.

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

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

SENATE MAJORITY REPORT (9)—Ought to pass—MINORITY REPORT (1)—Ought not to pass—Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Group Credit Insurance." (S. P. 447) (L. D. 1276)—Engrossed in Senate.

Tabled—April 3, by Mr. MacLeod of Brewer.

Pending—Acceptance of Either Report.

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

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

HOUSE REPORT—Ought to pass in 2nd New Draft (H. P. 1033) (L. D. 1497)—Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Certain Counties." (H. P. 590) (L. D. 828)

Tabled—April 3, by Mr. O'Leary of Mexico.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

On motion of Mr. O'Leary of Mexico, the "Ought to pass" in Second New Draft Report was accepted, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

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

HOUSE REPORT—Ought to pass—Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys for Spruce Bud-

worm Control." (H. P. 89) (L. D. 133)

Tabled—April 3, by Mr. MacLeod of Brewer.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Windham, Mr. Watkins.

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

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Windham, Mr. Watkins, moves that item four be retabled until April 17. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

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

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

Thereupon, the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted, the Resolve read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

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

HOUSE REPORT—Ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-192)—Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on RESOLVE, Providing for Purchase of Three Hundred Copies of "Historic Hallowell." (H. P. 178) (L. D. 247)

Tabled—April 3, by Mr. Gifford of Manchester.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. GIFFORD: Mr. Speaker, I move that the original Bill be substituted for the Committee Report and request permission to speak on the motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Gifford, moves that the original Resolve be substituted for the Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The gentleman may continue.

Mr. GIFFORD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In explanation of this motion, as originally introduced this bill called for the purchase of three hundred copies of the historical book recent-

ly written entitled 'Historic Hallowell.' The intent of the Bill was that these copies should be distributed to the high schools and junior high schools of our state. As amended by the Appropriations Committee, only fifty copies would be purchased. Obviously this is not a sufficient number for the intended purpose. I recognize that it has been the practice of previous legislatures to purchase fifty copies to be placed in the hands of the State Librarian for distribution or exchange, and that this does constitute a departure from that practice. However, in my opinion, it is a desirable departure and does not establish a dangerous precedent. These historic books do not appear so frequently that large sums of money would be involved. Certainly I can think of no better place for them to be than in the libraries of our schools scattered over our state. I call to your attention particularly that the school libraries are growing in popularity, are considered desirable to the extent that they are part of the standards for accreditation of school systems. I leave to your good judgment the matter of whether we should adhere to past practice or in this instance, depart from it and provide a copy of this historic book for each of our high schools and junior high schools.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Fal-mouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I am sorry to disagree with the gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Gifford, but what he has told you is true, that we have been giving about fifty copies and they have gone to the State Library and the libraries of that sort. Now if we depart and buy three hundred, they would go to high schools, etc. Some years ago, during the first of my being on the Appropriations Committee, we sort of agreed among ourselves, t h e r e were very many of them coming in, that it might be well to get fifty copies of these out, a few each year until we had covered most of the towns. Now this wasn't anything that bound anyone; it was

just something that I recall of having discussed.

We have several of these each year coming in, and this has been the usual practice and it seems to me that if we get out fifty and at some point, have covered most of the histories of the towns in the state, we will have done a good job. I hope you will go along with the Appropriations Committee because we have some more of these bills coming. But that is your decision.

Ours is that there should be fifty copies purchased.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Gifford, that the House substitute the Resolve for the Report. All those in favor of the motion to substitute the Resolve for the Report will please say aye; those opposed, no.

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

Thereupon, the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 178, L. D. 247, Resolve, Providing for Purchase of Three Hundred Copies of "Historic Hallowell."

Amend said Resolve in the title by striking out the words "Three Hundred" and inserting in place thereof the word 'Fifty'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out in the first line the figure "300" and inserting in place thereof the figure '50' and by striking out in the 6th line the figure "\$1,200" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$200'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

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

HOUSE REPORT—Ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-194) Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative Dis-

trict No. 17." (H. P. 272) (L. D. 366)

Tabled—April 3, by Mr. Hammond of Paris.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. HAMMOND: Mr. Speaker, it has been brought to my attention that others may wish to speak on this bill, and at this time, I will yield to anyone who desires so to do.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the "Ought to pass" Report?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Chapman.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill and any papers pertinent thereto be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Norway, Mr. Chapman, moves indefinite postponement of the Report and the Bill. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. McGEE: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Education Committee, this particular bill was presented here as "Ought to pass." I know they are having some trouble in that district, but undoubtedly this district is empowered right now to do what they want to regardless of this bill. This bill simply brings the permission up-to-date, and gives them a little more courage to act. I would recommend that the "Ought to pass" should prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Chapman, that the Bill and Report be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Chapman.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker, as Mr. McGee has already stated, this is unnecessary. This bill started out as an ordinary form; it has been amended twice by some of the Bureau of Education, and I think it is unnecessary at this time in view of the fact that the District is already tangled up in several legal questions, and I think it could well be laid on the table in-

definitely until the next legislature or until a special session if necessary.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill was held in committee for a great length of time because there was some dispute and it was finally cleared with the Courts, finally cleared with the Attorney General; and as far as the bill is concerned, there is nothing wrong with it. And I think if it receives passage, it would be well for the educational district over in that part of the country. I am in hopes that the motion of my good friend will not prevail, and it will receive passage.

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

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, I am performing the unbelievable function of speaking neither for nor against. Many of you people have seen dozens of these bills come across your desks, these so-called reconstituting bills. I as yet still don't understand what function they are supposed to serve, legally or otherwise. This particular bill is no different than the rest. One item which has continually troubled me about all of them, and this one is no exception, is the ratification that we, the Legislature, give to the directors of these particular school districts for acts that they have performed, acts that we know nothing about. The reason for the debate on this particular bill apparently stems from some sort of a law suit or squabble going on up in District 17, a squabble we are not very familiar with. But again, the only difference is in this particular case, we think we know about some squabble. In all the other cases, we don't know of one, but that doesn't mean there won't be one six months from now. So to that extent, realistically, logically, this bill is no different from

all the rest of them. I was "again" all the rest of them, but not to the point of making a big complaint about them; so I will do the same about this.

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

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division of the House was had.

Sixty-eight having voted in the affirmative and forty-five having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did prevail.

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is very pleased this morning to recognize in the balcony of the House, a group of twenty-seven pupils from the Phillips High School, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Martha Smith. They are in a class of State Government and American History, and are guests of Representative Smith of Strong.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair also understands that there is a group in the balcony from Exeter, who are the guests of Representative Osgood. Would you stand and be recognized.

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

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

Bill "An Act Appropriating Money to Match Funds for Elimination of Aquatic Growth." (H. P. 88) (L. D. 132)

Tabled—April 5, by Mr. Taylor of South Portland.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House:

This bill appropriating money to match funds for elimination of aquatic growth appears to be another give-away program which can snowball to very sizable proportions in a very short time.

This problem appears to be a strictly local one and at present not very widespread. The cause of this aquatic growth in most cases is due to the sewage being dumped into these lakes and streams in question, and should remain a local problem. If in any manner of thinking this becomes widespread enough to become a state problem, then let's start at the source of our difficulties by insisting that proper sewage disposal plants be built and maintained to correct this problem of dumping raw sewage into our lakes and streams.

This bill calls for the state to appropriate \$2,500 for this service and as this sum will not cause any undue hardship upon any community of our state, I move that it be left at the local level, and now move for indefinite postponement of this bill.

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

Mr. THAANUM: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I don't want to belabor this matter too much here because I know that we have a lot to do in this session before we get through and I don't want to repeat what I said the other day in regard to this problem, but the question of sewage has been raised and I would just like to remind you that as far as the sewer problem is concerned as it relates to the situation that has been talked about, that we have installed, particularly in our lake in Winthrop, a \$600,000 sewer system within the past four or five years. But we do feel that inasmuch as the great ponds and the lakes of the State of Maine are the state's responsibility — as a matter of fact, I believe it might be a little far-fetched, but if I wanted to build a wharf into one of these lakes around my town, I would have to have the permission of this Legislature to do it technically.

Now I am not going to repeat what I said. I think the House ex-

pressed their sentiments just a few days ago in regard to this matter in terms of seventy-one to forty-one; and I also would like to call to your attention the fact that the opposition to this particular bill seems to be the question of the great amount of money in the future, but we must remember that we are going to have other legislatures here that are going to be able to control any of this sort of affair in the future. I really feel that the argument that things are going to cost us millions and millions of dollars, I think that is pretty much an argument of what I call of last resort. Ladies and gentlemen, I just simply ask you to oppose this motion, because we have expressed our sentiments just a few days ago, and we want to get this finished. Thank you.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to second the remarks of the gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Thaanum and comment on the remarks of the good gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Taylor, who says on one hand that this amount of money could mushroom into large, large amounts, and then on the other hand, says that this is not a widespread program at this time. Now I can't quite understand the comment. However, I might state that it is not widespread and this is the reason why the Research Committee reported this to us unanimously so that we may make an attempt to curb any recurrence. Insofar as the problem being local, we own the lakes, no matter where the lakes are. I hope that the motion does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I heartily concur with the remarks of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Taylor. I sincerely believe that this will snowball to a staggering amount, and I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone does prevail.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Glenburn, Mr. Cookson.

Mr. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise in support of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Taylor. I do feel also that this can be one of the most expensive projects that the State of Maine has taken up for quite a while.

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

Mr. HARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I too join in the remarks of the gentleman from South Portland. I feel that we are embarking on another program to spend money, and a lot of it. Irregardless of what you might hear for argument, if this is a few dollars now, and I have sat here and heard that said of the past legislatures of a few dollars and then it comes back to us, millions of them. Irregardless of whether I am beating the tubs for spending an awful lot of money, I maintain that this is a give-away, a big one, and believe me, we will pay for it if we pass it.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Humphrey.

Mr. HUMPHREY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to concur with my colleague, Mr. Taylor of South Portland. I think it is a small thing now, but I think it will create a big thing. There hasn't been much incentive on the local level to take care of the situation. There are several camps on some of the lakes, and an individual who owned a camp, if they only put in a dollar apiece, they could take care of the situation. I belong to a Fish and Game Association, a local one, the Worumontogus Fish and Game Club, and we spend \$400 from our club each year to treat Togus Lake and we keep it under control pretty good. I hope the motion of Mr. Taylor of South Portland does prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, I think the main problem here is the state recognizing for the first time the problem of great ponds

water growth. This is not primarily a sewage problem; it is primarily an algae problem; it is a problem primarily where we have more than one community involved. I think with these ground rules, it certainly is going to stay within the control of the legislature. If the pond is within the confines perhaps of one town, the state can say well this is a local problem, but we are faced with a problem of great ponds so we have several communities. And this will have the result of forcing these communities to get together and the state in a small way helping them out. I think it is unfair to draw a red herring across this and say that this is a multi-million give-away program, because in no sense of the words is it. The Legislative Research Committee very carefully went into that aspect of it. We feel that there are isolated spots in the state and that this would be a step where the state would recognize its responsibility to a very, very limited extent.

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

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I only rise to state the position of those on the Appropriations Committee who voted "Ought not to pass." This is perhaps great ponds, there seems to be a great divergence of opinion as to just which kind of body of water this is; and frankly, it might be almost either the shallow ones or the deep ones or whatever it may be. The report of the Legislative Research Committee was, I believe, that if we were to get into this program, it should be done at least on a local matching basis so that the state was not bearing all of the burden. This is the decision you have to make, as to whether you do wish to get into this problem or not. There are some lakes who are taking care of their own problem as the Representative from Augusta, Mr. Humphrey, has stated; and there are others who would rather have the state do it entirely.

As to the fact that we own the great ponds, then if the state does

own the great ponds and I suspect that they could tell these towns or these cottage-owners that they were not to pollute the lake because this is a matter of pollution of one form or another. Primarily, it is from too many cottages being built on the lake. Just as long as there are only a few, it apparently did not bother, but as the population grew and more swimmers went in, we began to have this algae one month of the year for which it must be sprayed. This is your decision. This was the way we formed our decision.

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

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker and Members: I would ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. COPE: Mr. Speaker, although I am from an area that is not involved in lakes and ponds in my town, but it seems to me in hearing both arguments that we should see if we can first, at the local level, try to obtain the basis of correcting it, and then the next step should be, an area basis. Then if the area basis fails, then they should report to the Legislature. But I think the next step is the local area and the area concept. Therefore, I would go along with Representative Taylor.

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 Bill "An Act Appropriating Money to Match Funds for Elimination of Aquatic Growth," House Paper 88, Legislative Document 132, be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested.

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

A division of the House was had.

Eighty-three having voted in the affirmative and thirty-eight having voted in the negative, the motion

to indefinitely postpone did prevail.

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is pleased this morning to recognize in the balcony of the House, Grade Eight of Hartland with thirty students, accompanied by Mr. Hughes, the Principal; Mr. Wortman and Mrs. Emery.

And also Grade Eight from St. Albans with twenty-four students with their Principal, Mr. Hanson; and Mr. Hughes and Mr. Cooney. These are guests of Representative Laughton of Ripley.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 102nd Legislature." (H. P. 411) (L. D. 564)

Tabled — April 5, by Mr. Crommett of Millinocket.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, I move this matter be retabled until Tuesday next, April 16.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett, moves this bill be retabled and specially assigned for Tuesday next. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

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

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division of the House was had.

Forty-four having voted in the affirmative and seventy-two having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere.

Mr. BUSSIÈRE: Mr. Speaker, I move this bill be indefinitely postponed and I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere, moves that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Guilford, Mrs. White.

Mrs. WHITE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It seems to me that L. D. 564, "An Act to Provide for Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 102nd Legislature" is a bill which should stand on its own merits, which I feel to be substantial.

Actually, it boils down to the question of whether or not you think a pre-legislative conference is worth the cost of it. I feel that it is, and I feel that it might even save some of its cost through the enactment of more efficient legislation over a shorter period of time. Certainly its one big asset is that it provides a natural opportunity for getting acquainted. Legislators-elect may become acquainted with one another, with the members who aspire to positions of leadership, with at least some department heads and personnel, with the function, aim and needs of departments, with conditions of the state, industrial, financial, agricultural or whatever seems to be of great interest and needs to be discussed. In witness of the fact that both freshmen and experienced legislators were in favor of such a conference, I shall repeat to you two comments which were made to me. One freshman legislator said that his only criticism was that the conference wasn't long enough. And one who has attended both sessions said that he got more out of the second conference than he did the first.

It was my impression when talking with many of you before the hearing, that a good majority of you favored a pre-legislative conference. I hope that you still do, and that the motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, this pre-legislative conference, in my mind, is one of the greatest things that we have. In the 100th Legislature the conference that we had

was most informative for me, and also the one this year. To me it is worth all the money that is put in it. It helps us get acquainted with our problems; brings us up to date. I hope the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere, does not prevail.

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 to make a few comments in regard to this legislative conference bill.

Having attended the past conference at Orono, I believe that without question it is a fine thing to get the members together for such a conference and get acquainted, but I do question, seriously, the program that was presented to us. By that, I mean parliamentary procedure, as we follow it here on the Floor of the House, is new and difficult for many of us, and as we had no training whatsoever in that department, I feel that a legislative conference that does not specifically assist in the training of the Members of this House toward legislative procedure fails in its prime concern, and unless that is to be followed—that procedure is to be followed at future conferences, I feel that we can well do without them.

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

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the House would not go along with the indefinite postponement of this bill. It seems to me that this is valuable to the new members particularly, and I would point out to you that the place, time and format of this conference will be decided by the committee that is set up to carry it out, and it seems to me that not only the program is valuable to the members, but the contacts that they make in becoming acquainted with each other; and also it seems to me they are bound to imbibe some knowledge either good or bad from some of the old ones who have been here when they associate with them, and it

seems to me that this is worthwhile, particularly for the new members of the Legislature.

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

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I too would like to add a word that I hope this motion for indefinite postponement does not prevail.

I would point out to the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Taylor, that the bill specifically gives the authority for the program to the Legislative Research Committee, and I think perhaps the Legislative Research Committee, when they establish the program for the next Legislature, could well consider a lecture or a series on parliamentary procedure in the course of this conference.

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

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, the purpose for tabling this motion has been accomplished. I wanted to bring out comments on the Floor of the House.

It is all agreed that the people that attended this conference had a good time, but is that the purpose of legislation? This bill calls for \$10,000. We spent \$10,000 two different times. I question whether it is worth it. A good time to get acquainted; certainly, we can get acquainted here. I enjoy getting acquainted. I don't think it was necessary to get acquainted at the University of Maine. I question whether we should use the forum of the University of Maine for politics for this Legislature.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: At the first legislative conference I had been a Member of the House for several sessions, and I was not too happy about it, so I did not go, but talking with others that had gone, I realized that I had made a mistake. So I did go to the last one, and I believe that I got a lot from it, and although I have been in the House for several sessions, I learned a lot more than

I knew, and I believe that the younger people were benefited too. I think — and while I did not go to have a good time, I did not have a bad time, but I went for other purposes. I went there to find out what I could learn, and what help I might be to the people who sent me there, and I am very happy to report that I learned a lot, and it was very helpful to me, and I believe that anyone that goes there to learn something, it is going to be helpful to them and the Legislature, and in their lives afterwards. I hope that this indefinite postponement does not prevail.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I was one of those who was very lukewarm to this program originally. I have also been lukewarm to the location. However, we listened to this bill that was brought out through the efforts of the Research Committee, and I think they should be commended, and I, as a Member of the Appropriations Committee, went along with the report which was unanimous. I think that some very good points have been brought out through this short debate.

Insofar as the rules are concerned, I think that it is to be hoped that the Research Committee would entertain a program whereby part of a session or a whole session would be laid to the points of discussing our rules and our parliamentary procedure, and certainly the doctor of parliamentary procedure is in front of me, and in front of you, Mr. Speaker, and I think we could very well use the good lengthy experience of our affable Clerk. I feel now this is an excellent program. I know the Research Committee will study the position that we would like to have them take at length, and come up with a better conference even though the others have been good conferences. Consequently, I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

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

MR. COPE: Mr. Speaker, being a first term in the Legislature here, I enjoyed the pre-legislative conference to a point that it gets us acquainted with each fellow member. However, I felt, being knowledgeable in various conferences which I have been experiencing through various years in governmental affairs, I think it has much to be desired.

I think the program is limited in scope. I don't think the concept is in keeping what the Members of the Legislature themselves would like to have programmed. I hope that when we do have it, I am in favor of it, that the Research Committee is enabled to have some kind of a survey made by the Members of both the House and the Senate to see what kind of a program we feel is more fruitful and more meaningful to us in the 102nd Legislature.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner.

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I can't see any harm in having this get-together before the session, but I wonder how much of a hardship we are creating on the University down there. They are really short of room, and I wonder if this wouldn't be a better place to have it here where we have a lot of legislative procedures to take care of, and I would like the sentiment of the House to see which place they think would be the best for us to absorb it.

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

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, to the point that my friend from Auburn has made, it was looked into by the Research Committee, and it was discovered that it was cheaper to run it at the University than it would have been here.

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

Mr. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make another com-

ment that I neglected to do last time. I thought that this past legislative conference specialized greatly in—with three or four of our major state departments trying to sell us a bill of goods as to the needs of their departments, rather than an educational program of state government, and I do not believe that legislators need a sales program of the needs and requirements of certain departments, that we may grant them more funds by having previously listened to their pleas and their desires. I think we should conduct our legislative conference on a different plane than allowing these department heads to try to sell us a bill of goods like they did last time. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chelsea, Mrs. Shaw.

Mrs. SHAW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think the pre-legislative conferences are still in an embryo stage. Our first, as you realize, was sponsored by the Ford Foundation and we felt that we had profited greatly by our first endeavor in this field.

The second one came about because our previous Speaker, Vinal Good, sent letters to all of the legislators to see if they wished to have a second one, and we did, and this was our first endeavor at setting up the program ourselves. We learned by our previous mistakes, and I think that our third conference, if we shall have one, will be much better and will have the things that we need in it. So therefore, I hope the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Littlefield.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: This bill calls for \$10,000. It comes from the taxpayers' money. If we want to go on a good time and we take the money out of our pockets, I would be in favor of having another session. At the first pre-legislative session I got a great deal of benefit. We studied a \$50,000 tax survey by Dr. Sly. At the second one, I agree with my good friend Mr. Taylor, from Portland,

that I thought it was a whitewash. If anyone had read the book and the report that was sent to us, the full 95 pages, I think he would have felt as though he was being whitewashed into voting for something after he got back here to the Legislature, and I think I will go along with the motion of Mr. Bussiere to indefinitely postpone.

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

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As an attendant to both pre-legislative conferences, I am beginning to resent slightly this inference that we went over there for a good time. Now like the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cope, I have never been to a conference of any type where there wasn't a little bit of social activity, and I think those legislators who are speaking in opposition to this bill here this morning perhaps fail to take in the significance of what did transpire at many of the panel sessions, and maybe they just did go for a good time. But speaking for myself and my immediate associates—we were all housed in one building—I think not only at the panel level, but when we got into bull sessions there we had something to discuss and we did, and I am very much in favor of a pre-legislative conference, and again I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Glenburn, Mr. Cookson.

Mr. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, I feel that the impression that at least one or two of the departments left on us by their presentations up there made even a few of us freshmen wonder if a few changes shouldn't be made, and I think perhaps that will have a direct bearing on our efforts to economize a little.

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

Mr. BUSSIERE: Mr. Speaker, through the Chair, if I am per-

mitted, I would like to ask a Member of this House, how many would go if they had to pay their own expense? I, for one, when I go anywhere, I like to pay my own expense, not the taxpayers. I don't like to go to the University of Maine to be told to increase the sales tax. I can learn that right here.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will rule that the gentleman's question is not in order.

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

Mr. EWER: Mr. Speaker, although the Chair has ruled the question out of order, I would like to say that I would be perfectly willing to pay my own expenses to attend a conference such as this if I could find the money to do it with. I hope I could.

As a freshman member, I may possibly be the one to whom Mrs. White, the gentlewoman from Guilford, referred. I felt that I got considerable benefit from this conference. I agree with what Mr. Cookson from Glenburn has said, that in spite of the whitewash job that may possibly have been intended on us, a lot of the whitewash spattered. I came out with a contrary opinion to one of the departments for what they intended to give me I think. I feel, with the gentleman from South Portland, and with the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman, the scope of this conference should be extended. If possible we should be given the forthcoming budget to study at that time. That would give us two or three weeks before the session begins to familiarize ourselves with what is coming up. I feel that a further extension of this thing is much more essential and will offer greater savings of money than any curtailment of this service.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Bussiere, that Bill "An Act to Provide for a Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 102nd Legislature," House Paper 411, Legislative Document 564 be indefinitely post-

poned. A division has been requested.

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

A division of the House was had.

Seventeen having voted in the affirmative and one hundred fifteen having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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

Bill "An Act Regulating the Pledging of Credit of the City of Biddeford." (H. P. 123) (L. D. 167) — Committee Amendment "A". (Filing H-196)

Tabled—April 5, by Mr. Carter of Biddeford.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Windsor, Mr. Choate.

Mr. CHOATE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I feel at this time L. D. 167 will serve no useful purpose, so I move its indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Windsor, Mr. Choate, moves the indefinite postponement of this Bill. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Increasing Exemption of Veteran's Property from Taxation." (H. P. 695) (L. D. 951) — Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-148)

Tabled—April 5, by Mr. Pease of Wiscasset.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, on item 10 of today's calendar, I

would like to have this bill lay on the table until the next legislative day.

Mr. SCOTT: Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. SCOTT: I would like to speak on this measure.

The SPEAKER: The tabling motion is not debatable. Will the gentleman defer? All those in favor of this matter being tabled until the next legislative day will say aye; those opposed, no.

The motion failed on a viva voce vote.

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

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, could I give my reason for placing this on the table?

The SPEAKER: The matter is open for debate. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, due to my seatmate being absent today, I think he should have the courtesy to lay this on the table until he comes here the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The matter is still before the House. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Scott.

Mr. SCOTT: Mr. Speaker, my good friend, Mr. Pease, came to my rescue last week on this measure, and I have conferred with him, and we are in agreement, and I think it is in order that we take it off the table and proceed.

The SPEAKER: The matter is before the House, the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. SCOTT: Mr. Speaker and fellow Legislators: There may be some of my good comrades here who will not agree with what I am going to say. However, I urge you to consider well your situation. Public interest is one hundred percent behind the cause of the veteran. If we as veterans allow this bill to pass, I think it will work against us. The veterans have made no organized effort to receive additional tax exemptions from this Legislature and I am sure that the majority will be satisfied to maintain the status quo.

We all recognize the inequities in the present law. This proposed increase in the exemptions would only make it worse.

It would please me if we could lay this bill away with the hope that the veterans' organizations would work out a suitable proposal for introduction to the next legislature.

With this thought in mind, I move indefinite postponement of L. D. 951 and its accompanying papers.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Scott, moves the indefinite postponement of this bill with its accompanying papers.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Albair.

Mr. ALBAIR: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Taxation Committee, I believe that most of the members probably passed this out very reluctantly, and at this time I would support the motion of the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Scott, to indefinitely postpone this bill.

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

Mr. HENDBEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I feel that the presentation that has been given by the gentleman from Wilton there was very much to the point and should be very well accepted. I think his handling of it so far has been excellent, and I am sure as a veteran, and many of the other veterans, would be very happy to support his motion.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As you probably recall, I was the one who debated this matter with the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, a week or so ago. May I now concur with the gentleman, I hope this matter will be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Tha anum.

Mr. THAANUM: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: I just want to say that I concur with the motion of the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Scott.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this matter be indefinitely postponed?

The motion prevailed. Sent up for concurrence.

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

HOUSE REPORT — Ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-168)—Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of State Personnel Board." (H. P. 685) (L. D. 941)

Tabled—April 5, by Mr. Waterman of Auburn.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 685, L. D. 941, Bill, "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of State Personnel Board."

Amend said Bill, in the 4th line, by striking out the underlined figure "\$25" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$20'; and by striking out in the 8th line the figure "\$270" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$600'; and by striking out in the 9th line the figure "\$360" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$720'

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

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

SENATE REPORT — Ought to pass—Committee on Taxation 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)—Engrossed in Senate.

Tabled—April 5, by Mr. Albair of Caribou.

Pending—Acceptance of Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Albair.

Mr. ALBAIR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will briefly outline the implications of this L. D. As you know, this would

raise the present 70 per cent reimbursement to 90 per cent, that is, in excess of 3 per cent loss. Based upon actual claims for 1962, this would have increased claims from the amount of \$114,651 as claimed under the existing law to approximately \$147,000 or an increase of \$33,000. If it is assumed the claims in the next two years will remain basically the same, then the 102nd would presumably have to provide twice this amount of money, since the resolve providing for payment of such claims covers a two year period to satisfy such claims, if the proposed amendment is enacted. This is not a matter affecting expenditures for the next biennium, reimbursement under the statute is provided for by a resolve enacted by each session of the Legislature. The current resolve is L. D. 234, covering reimbursement, and I believe this has been amended also.

This resolve covers the years 1961 and '62 in which this falls. I also understand that we have an amendment on our desks which would remove the 3 per cent down to one per cent. Now if this became a reality, if you went down to one per cent, the State would have to come up with a figure of \$579,000. They would have to find this money, or the difference between \$115,000 which is required today. For these reasons, I move the indefinite postponement of this L. D.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Albair, moves the indefinite postponement of the Bill and the Report.

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

Mr. JONES: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in support of the motion made by my good colleague, Mr. Albair. In brief summary, I believe this bill would make it necessary for us to raise more funds at the state level to provide lesser funds at the local level, but we are all citizens of the State of Maine, and I hardly see where it makes too much difference. We have got to pick up the tab regardless of which way

it goes. I move the indefinite postponement.

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, it pleases me immensely to agree partially with the remarks of the two previous speakers. This veterans' exemption costs money and eventually it is going to cost a fantastic sum of money.

However, it seems to me we are dealing with a simple question of nothing more than morality here. This Legislature has decreed and continues to decree that municipalities may not collect certain taxes. Having so decreed, it seems, as I mentioned, a simple question of morality that the state, which the Legislature represents, should be the point of the tax origin and these municipalities should not be made to suffer for something we do. I therefore oppose the motion.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Albair, that the Report and Bill on item 12, Bill "An Act relating to Claims of Municipalities Against State for Taxes Lost from Veterans Property Tax Exemptions," Senate Paper 339, Legislative Document 1004, be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the motion to indefinitely postpone will say aye; those opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to indefinitely postpone did prevail, the Report and Bill were indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Operation of Farm Trailers Without Registration." (H. P. 620) (L. D. 855)—Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-208)

Tabled—April 9, by Mr. Coulthard of Scarborough.

Pending—Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mr. COULTHARD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I now move that Committee Amendment "A" to L. D. 855 be indefinitely postponed, and I would like to speak on my motion.

Thereupon, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action of April 5 whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

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

Mr. COULTHARD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a Member of your Agricultural Committee, I would feel remiss in my duty if I did not bring this amendment to your attention. This calls for a load limit of 2,000 pounds on a trailer travelling between lots on the state highway and any given farm. We in our business as farmers, market gardeners, potato growers and what have you, have trailers that will carry a considerably larger capacity than a ton, and our highways are built so that they will uphold this amount, so I therefore feel that a ton is a very small amount, and I would not like to see us being arrested or jeopardized by being over-weight in our trailers, so I now move for indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A."

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Coulthard, moves the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A." Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

Mr. FINLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would move that L. D. 855 be tabled until one week from today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Washington, Mr. Finley, moves that the bill be tabled until one week from today pending passage to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

All those in favor of tabling to one week from today will say aye; those opposed, no.

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

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed without amendment and sent to the Senate.

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

AN ACT Clarifying the Maine Milk Law. (H. P. 172) (L. D. 241)

Tabled—April 9, by Mr. Childs of Portland.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, the House voted to suspend the rules.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I now move the House reconsider its action of March 29 whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, now moves the House reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed on March 29.

On motion of Mr. Boothby of Livermore, the Bill was tabled pending the motion of Mr. Childs of Portland to reconsider engrossment, and was specially assigned for Thursday, April 18.

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Revise Laws of Department of Economic Development." (H. P. 834) (L. D. 1221)

Tabled—April 9, by Mr. Smith of Strong.

Pending—Motion of Mr. Cookson of Glenburn to Refer to Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development.

Mr. Smith of Strong having moved the pending motion, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Members of Public Utilities Com-

mission." (H. P. 505) (L. D. 707)—Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-166)

Tabled—April 9, by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

Pending—Motion of Mr. Taylor of So. Portland to Indefinitely Postpone.

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

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill was debated at some length yesterday, and I don't think there is really anything to add at this time. But during the course of the debate, I frankly was somewhat embarrassed when the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Littlefield, asked the question which I should have been able to answer. Unfortunately, I did not have my amendments before me, and I was unable to do so. I offer my sincere apologies to that gentleman and also to the House.

The question was, what was the amount of the raise that was granted by the Committee on State Government to the members of the Public Utilities Commission, and I will state now that it was a \$1500 raise. The Chairman asked for \$14,000; the amendment gave him a raise of \$12,500. The other members of the Commission asked for \$12,500; and they were raised to \$11,500. I trust that this will answer the question that was asked by the gentleman.

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

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division was ordered.

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

Mr. DENNETT: Is the question still debatable?

The SPEAKER: The question is debatable.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would have everyone here take into consideration the fact that we have granted other pay raises roughly in these amounts, and they have been passed to be enacted. I see no reason whatsoever why this House should dis-

criminate in any manner against the Public Utilities Commission. I sincerely trust when the vote is taken, you will vote against the motion to indefinitely postpone because I think we would not be very consistent if we turned this down.

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

Mr. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I feel that we, as members of the House of Representatives, should definitely take a conservative attitude toward expenditures of our people, the various costs that are incurred by them, and also the increases of various salaries on the state level. I strongly urge the members of this House to vote against the increase here on this bill. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, to indefinitely postpone item sixteen, will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Thirty-six having voted in the affirmative and sixty-two having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

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

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

AN ACT relating to Power of Eminent Domain of Maine State Park and Recreation Commission. (S. P. 542) (L. D. 1468)

Tabled—April 9, by Mr. Wellman of Bangor.

Pending—His motion to Reconsider Passage to be Engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Berman.

Mr. BERMAN: Mr. Speaker, with respect to this item, I move that it be retabled to a week from today, April 17 pending reconsideration of passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Berman, moves that item seventeen, be retabled until one week from today pending the motion of the gentleman from Bangor to reconsider its passage to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: All those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no.

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

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

Mr. WELLMAN: I move the motion to reconsider.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor now moves that the House reconsider its action whereby this Bill was passed to be engrossed on March 27. Is this the pleasure of the House to reconsider?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, Mr. Wellman of Bangor offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 542, L. D. 1468, Bill, "An Act Relating to Power of Eminent Domain of Maine State Park and Recreation Commission."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated subsection "I," of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"**I. Acquire land; license; eminent domain.** With the consent of the Governor and Council, to acquire in behalf of the State, land or any interests therein within this State, with or without improvements, by purchase or gift, and by eminent domain subject to proviso hereinafter set forth and with like consent to sell and convey such lands or interests therein, or lease the same, or by revocable license or agreement, or grant to any person, firm or corporation exclusive rights and privileges to the use and enjoyment of portions of such lands; provided, however, that no lease hereunder shall be for a term longer than 5 years, and any. Any such license, lease or agreement granted or entered into hereunder shall be canceled or revoked after due no-

tice of intention to cancel or revoke the same by action of the commission, when the use for which said license was given shall have been abandoned, materially modified, or whenever the conditions imposed in any license, lease or agreement shall have been broken; provided, however, that the right of eminent domain shall not be exercised to take any area or areas in any one park which singly or collectively exceed 200 500 acres, nor shall it be exercised to take any developed or undeveloped mill site or water power privilege in whole or in part or any land used or useful in connection therewith, or any land being utilized for any industrial enterprise."

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend said Bill by striking out at the beginning of the first line the underlined abbreviation and figure "Sec. 1."

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House that House Amendment "A" be adopted?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, I have seen this legislative document come and go here, and I have seen it amended and now I see this proposed amendment in front of us again. It seems to me that there are many important questions attached to this, and while I am neither for nor against it, I certainly feel it should be clarified for the entire House membership. The possibility of taking five hundred acres of land by eminent domain anywhere for park purposes, I think proposes a serious matter. I don't say it is a problem. I would like to hear this fully explained right now.

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

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This matter is before us in this session because of the need of acquiring land in one particular area, Quoddy Head. The present law, as you see, limits the power of eminent domain to two hundred acres.

Now this bill was heard before the Judiciary Committee, and at that time they felt that it was a reasonable approach to use the five hundred acre figure. Now I, as many of the rest of you, am disturbed about the application and the use of eminent domain. I got into this because I felt I saw a way to help control this use of eminent domain, but I have failed. The deeper I got into it, the more a mess I made of the thing. We tried to introduce another bill which would take care of the particular problem; that didn't work either. So now we are right back where we stood when the bill came out of the Judiciary Committee. I hope that you will adopt this amendment because I think that there is a problem in this area, and I think that this is a fair — not that I am particularly enthusiastic about it, but I think it is a fair solution.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, I certainly am in sympathy with the problem of the Quoddy Head Park, and I feel it should be solved satisfactorily; but the vehicle bothers me sincerely. I still feel that to have anything on the books to permit five hundred acres of land to be taken by eminent domain has got to be very carefully considered, and I am not satisfied with the fact that we should change the general law for this specific instance. I want to re-emphasize, I am very sympathetic to the situation in Lubec, but I don't want to open up our whole coast line to this threat. Now this is a definite threat — in other parts of the country, the matter of eminent domain on the seashores is a very very real and great matter. I don't know what action we should take here today, but I think we should definitely not be hasty. I am going to sit down and if there is no other motion made, I will make one.

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, I move this matter lie on the table until Friday next.

Thereupon, the Bill was tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Friday, April 12.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southport, Mr. Rankin.

Mr. RANKIN: I rise at this time to ask if the House is in possession of L. D. 1213.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman that the House is in possession of the Divided Report on this matter.

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I move reconsideration of our action of yesterday whereby we accepted Committee Report "B".

The SPEAKER: Bill, from Liquor Control Committee, "An Act relating to Operation of Retail Store and Restaurant Prior to Application to Sell Malt Liquor," Report A, "Ought to pass;" Report B, "Ought not to pass." The House accepted Report B, "Ought not to pass" on the last legislative day.

The gentleman from Southport, Mr. Rankin, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

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

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

Mr. Finley of Washington was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the House.

Mr. FINLEY: Mr. Speaker, an educational exhibit sponsored by the Committee on Transportation will be on display in two semi-trailer vans parked near the State House tomorrow, April 11. This exhibit has been prepared by the Automobile Manufacturers' Association to graphically illustrate what the motor vehicle industry is doing to make their vehicles safer. I urge you all to make it a point to go through the exhibit sometime tomorrow. Thank you.

(Off Record Remarks)

The SPEAKER: If there is no further business, the Clerk will read the notices.

The CLERK: Notice. In order that members of the Legislature may not be biding their time on Thursdays henceforth, and since public hearings in nearly all committees are completed, beginning on Thursday, April 18, that is one week from tomorrow, there will be a formal session of the House and Senate in the morning. Thursday afternoons will remain open for the remaining public hearings and committee executive sessions in order that they may complete their work expeditiously.

On motion of Mr. Harrington of Dexter,

Adjourned until Friday, April 12, at nine o'clock in the morning.