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Tuesday, May 21, 1963

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

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

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be created an Interim Joint Committee to consist of 2 Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and 3 Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to study the present statutes and regulations relating to State certification of teachers for such revisions, if any, the Committee may find desirable; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Committee report the results of its study to the 102nd Legislature (S. P. 601)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Brewer.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would first move for passage of this Order and would like to speak briefly.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, we have been faced in this session with a number of controversial education bills, one of which was to revise teacher certification standards in the state. As an opponent of this particular bill and a member of the Advisory Committee on Certification Standards, I believe from the viewpoint of good public relations between this Legislature and the Department of Education, that this bill should receive passage.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bath, Mr. Brewer, moves that

the Order receive passage in concurrence.

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

Mr. TYNDALE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I heartily concur with the words of my distinguished friend from Bath, Mr. Brewer, and I would recommend that this Order receive passage for the same reasons that he so stated.

Thereupon, the Order received passage in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Schools During Teachers County Conventions" (S. P. 417) (L. D. 1160) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 598) (L. D. 1565) under title of "An Act relating to Minimum Number of School Days in Public Schools" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles Paid by Members of Penobscot Tribe of Indians" (S. P. 433) (L. D. 1176) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 599) (L. D. 1566) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the New Drafts read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Providing for the Study of a State Building Code and Anti-Shack Statute" (S. P. 202) (L. D. 512) which was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence in the House on May 16.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and asking for a Committee of Conference, with the following Conferees appointed on its part:

Messrs. PORTEOUS of Cumberland
FERGUSON of Oxford
BROOKS of Cumberland

In the House: On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the House voted to insist on its former action and join in a Committee of Conference.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Claims of Municipalities Against State for Taxes Lost from Veterans Property Tax Exemptions" (S. P. 339) (L. D. 1004) which was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence in the House on April 10.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed and asking for a Committee of Conference, with the following Conferees appointed on its part:

Messrs. WYMAN of Washington
BROWN of Hancock
COLE of Waldo

In the House: On motion of Mr. Albair of Caribou, the House voted to insist on its former action and join in a Committee of Conference.

Orders

Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the House have learned that today is the birthday of Mr. Easton of Winterport,

BE IT ORDERED, that the members extend to Mr. Easton their best wishes not only for today but for the entire year.

The Order received passage. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to reproduce or have printed any proposed amendments to the current services budget bill, S. P. 549, L. D. 1481, that a member files with said Clerk and requests such reproduction or printing.

On motion of Mr. Mendes of Topsham, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Ross of Augusta be excused from attendance this week because of illness; and that Mr. Rust of York be excused

from attendance this week because of business.

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

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on House Joint Order relative to Search and Seizure Bill to be Reported by Judiciary Committee (H. P. 1081) the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. KNIGHT of Rockland
BERMAN of Houlton
CHILDS of Portland

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Providing for the Formation of Sanitary Districts" (H. P. 301) (L. D. 409) the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. BERRY of Cape Elizabeth
WELLMAN of Bangor
BRAGDON of Perham

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act to Create a Mount Desert Island Regional School District" (H. P. 475) (L. D. 678) the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. BENSON
of Southwest Harbor
BREWER of Bath
GILBERT of Eddington

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Permit and Regulate Dredging in Great Ponds" (H. P. 1015) (L. D. 1469) the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. WATERMAN of Auburn
WILLIAMS of Hodgdon
SAHAGIAN of Belgrade

The Speaker announced the appointment of Peter Radsky of Hallowell to serve as Page for the remainder of the session.

**Passed to Be Engrossed
Amended Bill**

Resolve in favor of Margaret Sinclair of Windham (H. P. 424) (L. D. 577)

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

Passed to Be Enacted

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

An Act relating to Extending Time on Attachments of Real Estate (S. P. 296) (L. D. 869)

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 Reporting of Divorces to State Registrar of Vital Statistics (S. P. 309) (L. D. 975)

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

(On motion of Mr. Knight of Rockland, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Thursday, May 23.)

An Act to Determine Liability and Responsibility of Drivers of Fire Apparatus (H. P. 736) (L. D. 1065)

An Act relating to Allocating Moneys from Organized Township's Fund for Managing Public Reserved Lots in Plantations (H. P. 1037) (L. D. 1503)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair is pleased at this time to recognize in the balcony of the House, 46 grade school children from Appleton-Burkettville, accompanied by Principal Day, Principal Mrs. Ford, and Mrs. Grace Mink.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you young people a warm

welcome, and we trust that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us here this morning. (Applause)

Orders of the Day

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

SENATE REPORT "A" (5) — Ought to pass — Report "B" (5) — Ought not to pass — Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Creating a Permanent Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy." (S. P. 401) (L. D. 1104) — In Senate Report "A" Accepted.

Tabled — May 14, by Mr. Cottrell of Portland.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

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

Mr. ALBAIR: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would move that Report "A" "Ought to pass" be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Albair, moves that Report "A" "Ought to pass" be accepted. Is that the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the motion on this Legislative Document on the grounds that Section 7 of the L. D. gives the Commission the right to employ such technical and professional assistance as may be necessary for it to carry out the duties of this chapter. That again means another report of figures in a fancy booklet to be placed on the desks of the next Legislature and the taxpayer will be asked to hand over \$31,000 to foot the bill. I oppose the motion of "Ought to pass".

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Albair, that the House accept the "Ought to pass" Report.

Mr. PEASE of Wiscasset: I request a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. All those in favor of the acceptance of the "Ought to pass" Report "A" will please rise and remain standing until the

monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Fifty-eight having voted in the affirmative and sixty-eight having voted in the negative, the motion to accept —

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs. For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. CHILDS: I arise to request the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, requests the yeas and nays. For the Chair to order a roll call vote it must have the expressed desire of one-fifth of the membership present.

All those desiring a roll call vote will please rise and be counted.

Nineteen members arose, this being less than one-fifth.

The SPEAKER: Insufficient number having expressed a desire for a roll call vote, a roll call vote is not ordered.

Fifty-eight having voted in the affirmative and sixty-eight having voted in the negative, the motion to accept the "Ought to pass" Report does not prevail.

Thereupon, the "Ought not to pass" Report "B" was accepted in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

AN ACT relating to Election Returns. (H. P. 1058) (L. D. 1523) — In House Engrossed with House "A" (H-279) — In Senate Engrossed with House "A" and Senate "A" (S-233) in Non-concurrence.

Tabled — May 16, by Mr. Childs of Portland.

Pending Further Consideration.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

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

HOUSE MAJORITY REPORT (8) — Ought not to pass — MINORITY REPORT (2) — Ought to pass with Committee Amendment "A" (Filing H-362) — Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Repealing Supplemental State Aid for Reorganized

School Districts." (H. P. 25) (L. D. 49)

Tabled — May 16, by Mr. Easton of Winterport.

Pending — Acceptance of Either Report.

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Minority "Ought to pass" Report and beg leave to speak briefly on the motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: Today is a day of celebration for me, not because it is my birthday, but because this is the last education bill that I will be talking about.

The present law provides that for school administrative districts they shall receive a ten percent operating bonus over and above their ordinary operating subsidy. This bonus goes on forever so long as the district in question meets its foundation program. The cost of this program has been ballooning ever since its inception. During the first year of operation 1958-59 this bonus provision cost the State of Maine a modest \$57,000. During the next biennium the budget cost is \$922,000. Now if this were buying anything in the way of education, I would be the first one to be in favor of it. I suggest, however, that this particular provision is nothing more or nothing less than a bribe to the voters in the various towns for the purchase of their votes in determining whether or not they should form a school administrative district. I suggest that school administrative districts should be based on the educational potential that such a district might provide for the children of that area, not for how much more money a given group of taxpayers can extract from the rest of the taxpayers of the State.

This particular provision is totally different from, and it bears no connection with the existing construction subsidy. I do not argue with the construction subsidy, perhaps it is good, perhaps it is necessary where consolidation is to occur, for

where consolidation is to occur presumably construction is necessary. This has nothing to do with that, this is an operating subsidy. I suggest that the time has come for us to look at education in terms of what it accomplishes for our children, not what it accomplishes for the little minions on the fourth floor who stick pins in maps denoting new districts formed.

A district quite often is a good thing, a necessary thing. In some cases, a district is totally unnecessary. A bribe to force or encourage districting of the entire State of Maine is, I suggest, unnecessary and desperately expensive. Thank you.

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

Mr. JONES: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in strong opposition against the remarks made by our good colleague, Mr. Easton. Number one, he accuses the Education Department of offering bribes, which to me is very, very strong language. The school administrative districts are given this extra subsidy because they have gone to the trouble and a great expense of trying to consolidate their schools, which gives the students a bigger, broader and more efficient form of education than they could get in the small country schools that they had been having. I don't wish to belabor this bill to a great extent, other than I think that our good colleague, Mr. Easton, has used such strong language that I would move that it be stricken from the records; and I so move.

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

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Contrary to derogatory statements made in a recent newspaper article, there are some highly educated men and women in this House. I think it is high time we assumed the role of legislators and do what our people want us to do. The Department of Education is not infallible. It is high time a little common sense be injected into this Department. I go along with the

gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton.

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

Mr. HAMMOND: Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the motion and the remarks of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton. This is nothing more or less than a catch-all and come-all which has become a part of this so-called Sinclair Act. I believe it is high time that this Legislature begins to analyze a little just what is coming out of this so-called school program. This, to my mind, is bribery and nothing else. When this vote is taken, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I find myself in agreement with the gentleman from Winterport on this matter. I perhaps feel that the organization of school districts is a good thing. I don't think if it is a good thing, that it should be an expensive thing to these districts that form. I don't think that, as has been stated on the floor this morning, that they need this extra ten percent to take care of extra costs which they have to go to to form a district. If these districts are good, that should be sufficient reward without this ten percent bonus. There are still a great many towns in the state that are operating good schools that are not receiving this bonus, probably some three hundred individual municipalities that cannot now benefit from this.

The school districts, I might say, I believe have sufficient incentive and sufficient bonus in the construction aid which is extended to them. For that reason, I shall vote to go along with the gentleman from Winterport on this bill.

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

Mr. JONES: Mr. Speaker, if we should vote to eliminate this ten percent subsidy, it would throw the present administrative school districts into financial turmoil. They have based their budget and future activities on the premise that this

law passed by our legislature years ago would be forthcoming to them, and if we, at this time, should eliminate this subsidy, we would be eliminating and doing away with a portion of the laws which we had previously passed, suddenly, abruptly, and without warning. If it should be the desire of this body to eliminate this ten percent, I feel that it should be done with a little period of time of advanced notice to those who have been receiving it. I think it should go before a group for study, and if the group should come up in favor of this movement that it would become effective two or four years hence rather than so suddenly. A motion has been made to accept the Minority Report. I would hope that this motion does not prevail in order that I might make a motion to accept the "Ought not to pass" Report. Thank you.

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This Legislative Document 49 has been before you for quite some time and I certainly don't want to insult your intelligence by saying that any one of the departments in our state government is offering bribery in order to be able to justify what we now call the Sinclair Act. You have read the Majority Report of the Committee, eight to two, against this Legislative Document for the simple reason that you have had figures before you throughout the winter in regards to the Sinclair Act, the comparison of the figures that were given to you under the Sinclair Act and what the figures would have been without the Sinclair Act. I don't think that I need to tell you ladies and gentlemen that there is quite a drastic amount of money that would have been involved had we not had the Sinclair Act before us.

This ten percent bribery so-called this morning here, I would much rather that the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, would have used the word inducement as that is exactly what it is doing. The program has proven out through the State of Maine with the exception of one district that has been con-

tinuously in litigation since 1958, and I don't think there is anybody in this House here that could justify why S.A.D. 3 has been under litigation for the last six years. There is absolutely no justification for it, but we have it and we have to face it. But certainly we have to think of the other twenty-four districts that are now formed in the State of Maine and how they are operating.

I think there are very few of you here, ladies and gentlemen, that want to go back to the one-room schoolhouse with one or two teachers, teaching anywhere's from three or four to half a dozen grades. I think we have gone beyond that stage now. We are in a stage of trying to put a progressive educational system before the people of the State of Maine so that they can help themselves. And again, I would like to use this word inducement of ten percent as something to help them form these districts, have a better education system on a district basis and not necessarily on an individual local basis, because the State of Maine is far and wide and in some areas it is impossible for a small community to be able to have substantially an economical school system because of the size of the school that they have to operate under. So therefore, I think that the Sinclair Act has been our example and, to get these school districts to work, they have offered this ten percent; and now they are trying to use this ten percent as a bribe for which ladies and gentlemen I certainly do not agree, and I hope that the motion of Mr. Easton from Winterport does not pass and that we go along with the Committee's Report, eight to two, "Ought not to pass."

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: As signer of the "Ought to pass," I am disturbed about this bickering and because a man used one word and if you look in Webster's Dictionary, you will find that there isn't too much difference whether it is a bribe or an incentive. Of course incentive sounds better, but perhaps if some-

body gets really disturbed about it, he could call it a bribe. So I don't think that enters into the argument whatsoever. I am in hopes that you will forget all about this bribe and settle this exactly what it is. It is an incentive to induce or to help these people to form a district. It is just the same as a building aid is an incentive. So, let's let your conscience be your guide. Let us decide this on its merits and not just on some particular words.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Jobin.

Mr. JOBIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Up until now on this debate, it seems to me that we have talked merely in terms of money, and I think the members of this House will agree that we have voted on many issues so far in this session that have cost a lot of money. However, to digress from money for just a moment, I would call to the attention of the House that we are dealing with the very lives of our school children in this issue. I for one feel that whether or not this particular L. D. has any merit is the thing that may possibly be decided in a slower, more scrutinizing way than just killing this L. D. this morning. I think that all the way from the federal government right on down to the local level, we have been told, and I think that we will all agree, that we are now experiencing throughout the world, a race for education. A race for future citizens in our country. So I certainly don't feel that in order for the State of Maine to gain a few fast dollars, that we should jeopardize the futures of our younger school children today. I think we owe it to them to provide them with the very best education that we possibly can. I certainly will go along with my colleague, the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Jones, and hope that this motion will be defeated, and would certainly go along with a further study of the issue. Thank you.

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

Mr. SNOW: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am

the other signer with the gentleman from Eastport, and I naturally concur with him.

It is my understanding in a free society that we should at least have an equal opportunity at education. Heretofore in our legislature oftentimes we have taken money away from some. In one of my districts we have taken \$17,000 in one of my school unions, and another one \$21,000 to give it to others. We have been hanging to the precipice of education in Washington County by our fingernails, and it has been a hard thing. We have not any one-room schools, we have paid for the consolidated schools we have out of our own pocket. They came down, the school commission, and tried to district us. They explained to us that it was cheaper. If it is cheaper, we asked, why do we get ten percent? That question has not been answered yet by them.

In my opinion, this year, we have some honest school bills going through this Legislature. If those bills were passed, it would give us all again in this free society an equal opportunity at educating our own children. Thank you.

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

Mr. EASTON: Mr. Speaker, to eliminate one possible misunderstanding, the effect of this bill is not until next year. Those districts with their ten percent subsidies figured in this year's budget will be unaffected for this year.

I would close by almost repeating what I said the first time, that districts are good and necessary in many cases, but not necessarily necessary in all cases. The formation of each district should be based on what educational advantages it might offer, not how much cheaper they are going to be.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Brewer.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I believe if this issue is concerning the saving of money for the state, I think we should at least be consistent as far as education bills go.

Just a few weeks ago the foundation program passed this House,

which maintains the same percentage level of subsidies to all the cities and towns. The gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, had an amendment to that bill which took off the footnotes which would cost the State of Maine between \$600,000 and \$700,000 more money under the foundation program. This money would be paid to inadequate schools that do not agree that they would like to form school districts. Now here we are saving ten percent, as an incentive to schools to form administrative districts. Thank you.

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

Mr. HARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I intended not to speak on this matter today, but several things have been brought to your attention that might bear mentioning here.

First, in the little off the subject regarding the footnotes, those footnotes are definitely, in my opinion, a penalty for being close to a school district and nothing else. I see no connection between a ten percent penalty in your subsidy and fifteen miles; I see no correlation at all. The next thing is regarding the so-called — we won't call it a bribe, we'll call it an incentive, it is kind of a vicious circle for those towns that are near a district. You lose ten percent if you are near and you get ten percent if you join, so actually this thing reminds me of a spreading octopus, and believe me it is no justice. I happen to be from a town that is within the range of a school district and we have to pay, twice; not once, twice, and certainly I shall support the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. GIFFORD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I find myself this morning in agreement with much of what my seatmate, the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, has to say, although quite in disagreement with his conclusions.

I too have not been too happy with this ten percent bonus gimmick, and have long felt that ad-

ministrative districts should be formed on their merits and not in order to receive a financial reward.

However good or bad, the deed was done, and many of our towns in a moral sense have entered into a contract with the state to form these districts on the terms offered to them by the state, and it would appear to me that this L. D. proposes that the state in effect renege on those contracts after these districts have been formed irrevocably, and I do not feel in good conscience that the State of Maine should this morning appear in the position of an Indian-giver to take back that which it has offered the towns, which the towns have accepted and acted upon, in good faith. I certainly hope the motion before the House will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, that the House accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report. The Chair will order a division.

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

A division of the House was had.

Seventy-three voted in the affirmative and fifty-eight voted in the negative.

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

Mr. JONES: I ask for a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been requested. 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 be counted.

A sufficient number arose.

The SPEAKER: Obviously, more than one-fifth having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call is so ordered.

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

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker, to make it perfectly clear, I move that this bill and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is not in order because a roll call has been ordered.

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

Mr. JONES: Mr. Speaker, I will beg permission to withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER: It is too late. For the information of the gentleman, the roll call has been ordered, a sufficient number having arisen.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will interrupt at this time to recognize in the gallery of the House a wonderful group of students this morning, 62 from the eighth grade of St. John School of Rumford, accompanied by Sister Anna, who is the Principal; Sister Lucy and Sister Luke. These are the special guests of Representative Jobin of Rumford.

Also, there is a group of students from the third grade of the Wilton School, and teachers, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. MacQuord.

We are delighted that you are interested in the proceedings of your House of Representatives and, on behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you young people a warm welcome. We trust that you will enjoy and profit by your visit here. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair will restate the question. The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Easton, that the Minority "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A" Report be accepted on Bill "An Act Repealing Supplemental State Aid for Reorganized School Districts," Legislative Document 49, House Paper 25. All those in favor of that motion will answer "yes" when their name is called; those opposed to the motion will answer "no" when their name is called. The Clerk will call the roll.

ROLL CALL

YES — Anderson, Ellsworth; Baldic, Bedard, Bernard, Berry, Binnette, Birt, Blouin, Boothby, Bragdon, Brown, Fairfield; Brown, South Portland; Bussiere, Chapman, Choate, Cope, Cote, Coulthard, Cressey, Crockett, Crommett, Curtis,

Denbow, Dennett, Dostie, Dudley, Dunn, Easton, Foster, Gilbert, Gustafson, Hammond, Hardy, Harrington, Humphrey, Jameson, Kent, Laughton, Lincoln, MacGregor, MacLeod, McGee, Mendes, Mower, Nadeau, Norton, Oberg, Osgood, Pease, Philbrick, Pierce, Pitts, Prince, Harpswell; Richardson, Roy, Sahagian, Scott, Smith, Bar Harbor; Smith, Falmouth; Smith, Strong; Snow, Taylor, Thornton, Treworgy, Turner, Vaughn, Viles, Wade, Ward, Waterman, Watkins, Wellman, Whitney, Williams, Wood, Young.

NO — Albair, Anderson, Orono; Ayoob, Benson, Berman, Boissonneau, Bourgoin, Bradeen, Brewer, Burns, Carter, Cartier, Childs, Cookson, Cottrell, Drake, Edwards, Ewer, Finley, Gallant, Gifford, Gill, Giroux, Hanson, Hawkes, Hendricks, Hendsbee, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jalbert, Jewell, Jones, Karkos, Kilroy, Knight, Lebel, Levesque, Linnekin, Littlefield, Lowery, MacPhail, Mathieson, Meisner, Minsky, Oakes, O'Leary, Osborn, Plante, Poirier, Prince, Oakfield; Rand, Rankin, Reynolds, Ricker, Ross, Brownville; Shaw, Susi, Thaanum, Tyndale, Welch, White, Guilford; Wight, Presque Isle.

ABSENT — Davis, Henry, Jobin, Libby, Maddox, Noel, Roberts, Ross, Augusta; Rust, Tardiff, Townsend, Waltz.

Yes, 76; No, 62; Absent, 12.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will declare the vote. Seventy-six having voted in the affirmative, sixty-two having voted in the negative with twelve absentees, the motion to accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report does prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its first and second readings.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 25, L. D. 49, Bill, "An Act Repealing Supplemental State Aid for Reorganized School Districts."

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

"Sec. 1. R.S., c. 41, Sec. 237-E, amended. The first sentence of the 6th paragraph from the end of sec-

tion 237-E of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 18 of chapter 353 of the public laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

'The subsidy for a newly formed school administrative district shall be the sum of the amounts that the towns would have received plus a 10 percent bonus.'

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

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

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

Mr. WELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move we adjourn until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wellman, moves that the House adjourn until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. The Chair will order a division. All those in favor of the motion to adjourn will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Ninety-nine having voted in the affirmative and eighteen having voted in the negative, the House stood adjourned until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.