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SENATE

Tuesday, April 13, 1965

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Thomas Nelli of Augusta.

On motion by Mrs. Chisholm of Cumberland, the Journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to recognize in the back of the Senate Chambers two students from Livermore High School. They are Michael Semineau and Bruce Thompson who are here to try to get a practical knowledge of the legislature. They will be here most of the day. The Chair will ask the Sergeant at Arms to escort them to the rostrum where they will act as honorary pages for today's session.

This was done amidst the applause of the Senate.

Constitutional Amendment

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Eliminate the Office of Treasurer of State. (H. P. 256) (L. D. 326)

In House March 19, passed to be engrossed.

In Senate March 24, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Comes from the House as an Enactor having failed of final passage.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Harding of Aroostook the bill was tabled pending consideration.

Non-concurrent matters

Bill, "An Act Designating Androscoggin Game Preserve as a Game Management Area." (H. P. 696) (L. D. 934)

In House April 2, Indefinitely Postponed.

In Senate April 7, Passed to Be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that body having insisted and asked for a Committee of Conference.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Jacques of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to insist and join in the Committee of Conference and the President appointed as Senate Conferees, Senators Girard,

Jacques and Boisvert of Androscoggin.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Operation of Motorcycles While Learning to Drive." (S. P. 371) (L. D. 1138)

In Senate, April 2, Passed to Be Engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-93)

Comes from the House, Committee Amendment "A" Indefinitely Postponed, and the Bill Passed to Be Engrossed without Amendment in Non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Mendell of Cumberland, tabled pending consideration and especially assigned for one week from today.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for the Appointment of the Attorney General by the Governor." (S. P. 220) (L. D. 679)

In Senate March 17, Passed to Be Engrossed.

Comes from the House, Passed to Be Engrossed, As Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-144) in Non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Harding of Aroostook, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair would like to recognize in the back of the Senate Chambers, the wife of one of our Senators, Mrs. Carleton Mendell, wife of Senator Mendell of Portland, (Applause)

The Chair would also like to recognize in the Senate Chambers a group from South Portland High School, seniors from the class in American Government, chaperoned by Rosella Lovitt and Mrs. John Flynn. We hope you enjoy and benefit from your visit here and since you are from the city of South Portland which is, of course, in Cumberland County, the Chair would like to introduce the Senators from that County: Senator Smith, Senator Snow, Senator Mendell and Senator Chisholm. (Applause)

House Papers

Bill, "An Act to Provide Adjustments in Pensions Being Paid to

Members of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Portland." (H. P. 1071) (L. D. 1458)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Prevent Pollution of Part of Halfmoon Pond in Waldo County." (H. P. 1072) (L. D. 1459)

On motion by Mr. Glass of Waldo, tabled pending reference to a committee and especially assigned for April 16.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Harding of Aroostook

ORDERED, the House concurring, that effective immediately there will be Thursday sessions of the Legislature. (S. P. 495)

Which was Read and Passed.

Sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

Reports of Committees

House

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Labor on Bill, "An Act Repealing Certain Exemptions Under the Minimum Wage Law." (H. P. 891) (L. D. 1188) reported that the same should be granted leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Seasonal Business on Sunday." (H. P. 67), (L. D. 78) reported that the same should be granted leave to withdraw As Covered by Other Legislation.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Long Island Plantation of its Organization." (H. P. 1034) (L. D. 1406) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Relating to Community Antenna Television Systems." (H. P. 775) (L. D. 1029) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Status of Investigators in Department of Attorney General." (H. P. 1004) (L. D. 1337) reported

that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Repair Runway of Rockland Airport." (H. P. 120) (L. D. 144) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, tabled pending acceptance of the report and especially assigned for April 15.)

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Relating to Inequities in Subsidies to School Administrative Units." (H. P. 906) (L. D. 1234) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act to Amend the Powers and Duties of the State Highway Commission." (H. P. 807) (L. D. 1099) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Providing for an Open Season on Bull Moose." (H. P. 65) (L. D. 76) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Revising the Minimum Wage Law." (H. P. 711) (L. D. 949) reported that the same ought not to pass — Covered by Other Legislation.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Boilers and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels." (H. P. 592) (L. D. 784) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Exemptions and Inspections Under Boiler and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels Law." (H. P. 593) (L. D. 785) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Qualification of Persons Working on Heating Plants in Schoolhouses." (H. P. 597) (L. D. 789) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on "Resolve to Provide Retirement Credit for Seth A. Whitcomb of Readfield." (H. P. 430) (L. D. 559) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act to Establish a Fund for Fire Fighters." (H. P. 541) (L. D. 715) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Personnel Status of Certain Employees in Department of Education." (H. P. 656) (L. D. 848) reported that the same ought not to pass As Covered by Other Legislation.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Defining Interest on Loans." (H. P. 990) (L. D. 1335) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act Relating to Qualifications and Fees Under Nursing Law." (H. P. 581) (L. D. 773) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Duties of Department of Health and Welfare Concerning Water Supplies." (H. P. 994) (L. D. 1344) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bills Read Once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass—As Amended

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act Providing for a Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 103rd Legislature." (H. P. 265) (L. D. 347) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)

Comes from the House, Passed to Be Engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" As Amended by House Amendment "A" thereto. (H-191)

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted, the bill read

once, Committee Amendment A and House Amendment A to Committee Amendment A were read; thereupon, on motion by Mr. Brown of Hancock, the bill was tabled pending adoption of House Amendment A to Committee Amendment A.

The same Committee on Resolve Appropriating Money to Repair Fish Screen at Outlet of Kezar Lake. (H. P. 118) (L. D. 142) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Providing a Bond Issue in the Amount of One Million Two Hundred and One Thousand Dollars for a Vocational Educational Institute in Penobscot County." (H. P. 4) (L. D. 4) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Provide Funds for Expansion of Home Teaching Programs for the Blind." (H. P. 12) (L. D. 12) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Death Benefits for Members of the State Police." (H. P. 13) (L. D. 13) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-186)

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Establishing a Commercial Standard for Maine White Cedar Shingles." (H. P. 947) (L. D. 1283) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-179)

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act Relating to Sale or Compounding of Drugs by Apothecary Only." (H. P. 772) (L. D. 1015) reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Season on

Bear." (H. P. 886) (L. D. 1183) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-157)

(On motion by Mr. Stern of Penobscot, tabled pending acceptance of the report and especially assigned for one week from today.)

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Repeal of Sardine Tax on Exports." (H. P. 848) (L. D. 1261) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-182)

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, and the Bills Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" were Read and Adopted in concurrence, and the Bills, As Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve to Purchase Fifty Copies of "History of Madison." (H. P. 194) (L. D. 249) reported that the same ought to pass in New Draft under New Title: Resolve to Provide Funds for the Purchase of Copies of the "History of Madison." (H. P. 1055) (L. D. 1431)

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed As Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-174)

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Relating to Status of Academies, Seminaries and Institutes as Public High Schools for Certain Purposes." (H. P. 797) (L. D. 1074) reported that the same ought to pass in New Draft under new title: An Act Defining a Public School." (H. P. 1069) (L. D. 1444)

The Committee on Health and Institutional Service on Bill, "An Act Relating to Advisory Committee on Health and Welfare." (H. P. 692) (L. D. 929) reported that the same ought to pass in New Draft under new title: An Act Relating to Advisory Committee of Health and Welfare. (H. P. 1070) (L. D. 1445)

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

The Bills were read once in New Draft and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Kittery Sewer District." (H. P. 244) (L. D. 324) reported that the same ought to pass in New Draft under the same title." (H. P. 1073) (L. D. 1449)

Comes from the House recommended to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the Senate, that body voted to recommit the bill to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

The Committee on State Government on Joint Resolution "Memorializing Congress to Promote the Protection of our Gold Reserves." (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 1389) reported that the same ought to be adopted in New Draft under the same Title, (H. P. 1076) (L. D. 1454)

Comes from the House read and adopted.

Which Committee report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the Resolution adopted in concurrence.

Divided Reports

The Majority of the Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for Guaranteed Loans for Recreational Purposes. (H. P. 582) (L. D. 774) reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

JACQUES

of Androscoggin

MOORE of Washington

HOFFSES of Knox

Representatives:

FORTIER of Waterville

KILROY of Portland

BENSON

of Mechanic Falls

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject mat-

ter reported that the same ought not to pass."

(Signed)

Representatives:

TRUMAN of Biddeford

LITTLEFIELD

of Hampden

PAYSON of Falmouth

NORTON of Caribou

Comes from the House, the Majority — ought to pass report accepted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Jacques of Androscoggin, the Majority ought to pass report was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the Committee on Liquor Control on

Bill, "An Act Permitting Entrances from Class A Restaurants to Owners' Living Quarters." (H. P. 978) (L. D. 1316) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

SOUTHARD of Penobscot

Representatives:

HAYNES of Camden

LUND of Augusta

MEISNER

of Dover-Foxcroft

FAUCHER of Solon

ROY of Winslow

COTE of Lewiston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed)

Sensors:

FALOON of Penobscot

JACQUES

of Androscoggin

Representative:

BERNARD of Sanford

Comes from the House, Recommended to the Committee on Liquor Control.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Jacques of Androscoggin, recommended to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

Senate

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Duquette from the Committee on Appropriations and Finan-

cial Affairs on Resolve for Development of Park Facilities on Warren Island. (S. P. 140) (L. D. 381) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw as Covered by Other Legislation.

Mrs. Sproul from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Charitable Solicitations." (S. P. 317) (L. D. 1043) reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Shiro from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Blood Donor Service Program of Maine." (S. P. 151) (L. D. 392) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

(On motion by Mr. O'Leary of Oxford, tabled pending acceptance of the report, and especially assigned for Friday next.)

Mr. Shiro from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Permitting Municipalities to Raise Money for Blood Service Programs." (S. P. 96) (L. D. 263) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

(On motion by Mr. O'Leary of Oxford, tabled pending acceptance of the report and especially assigned for Friday next.)

Mrs. Sproul from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Non-profit Blood Donor Service Corporations." (S. P. 120) (L. D. 487) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

(On motion by Mr. O'Leary of Oxford, tabled pending acceptance of the report, and especially assigned for Friday next.)

Which reports were Read and Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Harding from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill, "An Act to Make Allocations from Bond Issue for Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities." (S. P. 178) (L. D. 544) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Shiro from The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Revising the Urban Renewal Law." (S. P. 316) (L. D. 1042) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which reports were Read and Accepted, the Bills Read Once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the back of the Senate Chambers a group of students from Phippsburg, Georgetown, Woolwich schools. There are 120 pupils from the 7th and 8th grades chaperoned by Paul Burns, John McPhail, Francis Palmer, Lester Reynolds and Bernice Wilson.

We welcome you here this morning and hope that you enjoy and benefit from your visit. You are from the town of Sagadahoc and it says that a Senator by the name of Reed represents you. (Applause) We welcome you here this morning.

Ought to Pass—As Amended

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill, "An Act to Authorize State Participation in Federally Aided Health Facilities Programs." (S. P. 364) (L. D. 1131) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-121)

(Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once; thereupon, on motion by Mr. Carter of Kennebec, the bill was tabled pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" and was especially assigned for the next Legislative day.)

Mr. Stern from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Driving a Vehicle to Endanger." (S. P. 381) (L. D. 1197) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-118)

(On motion by Mr. Mendell of Cumberland tabled pending acceptance of the report and especially assigned for April 16.)

Mr. Cahill from the Committee on Natural Resources on Bill, "An Act to Revise the Forestry Laws." (S. P. 436) (L. D. 1377) reported that the same Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment "A" (S-123)

Mr. Moore from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Requiring Permits to Dam Waters for Recre-

ational Purposes." (S. P. 342) (L. D. 1087) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-122)

Which reports were Read and Accepted and the Bills Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" were Read and Adopted, and the Bills, As Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Divided Report

Five members from the Committee on Inland Fisheries And Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Bounty on Foxes." (S. P. 243) (L. D. 753) reported in Report "A" that the same Ought to Pass, As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-120)

(Signed)

Senators:

MANUEL of Aroostook
HOFFSES of Knox
McDONALD
of Piscataquis

Representatives:

ROBERTS
of South Berwick
POULIN of Skowhegan

Five members from the same Committee on the same subject matter reported in Report "B" that the same Ought Not to Pass. (Signed)

Representatives:

ANDERSON of Ellsworth
GAUDREAU of Lewiston
BALDIC of Waterville
CHAMPAGNE of Fairfield
COOKSON of Glenburn

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, tabled pending acceptance of either report and especially assigned for the next legislative day.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following Bills and Resolve:

House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Minimum Salaries for Teachers." (H. P. 199) (L. D. 254)

Bill, "An Act Revising the Gasoline Road Tax and Use Fuel Tax." (H. P. 899) (L. D. 1209)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to Be Engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue for Purchase of Voting Machines for Resale to Municipalities." (H. P. 546) (L. D. 768)

Came from the House Indefinitely Postponed.

In Senate, Read a Second Time and Passed to Be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, the bill was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Increasing Fees of Registers of Deeds." (H. P. 763) (L. D. 1209)

Which was read a second time.

Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln: Mr. President, this bill disturbs me and I would like to have a little information if I can get it. The part that particularly disturbs me is that for recording a deed or a mortgage the fee will be five dollars. Maybe the other lawyers have clients with a little more money to spend than I do, but I know it is not uncommon for me to make out deeds where the consideration is not more than a hundred dollars and this filing fee of five dollars seems a little high. I wish someone would explain to me what the reason is and what support there is. The other fees have all gone up I notice but that is the one that particularly disturbs me.

On motion by Mr. Boisvert of Androscoggin the bill was tabled until the next legislative day pending engrossment.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Unemployment Compensation Regarding Remuneration for Holidays." (S. P. 119) (L. D. 345)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fixing the Number of Personnel at the State Teachers Colleges and State Vocational - Technical Institutes." (S. P. 189) (L. D. 554)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Compensation Rates in Certain Technical and Professional Classifications." (S. P. 438) (L. D. 1426)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Citizenship Requirements for Certain State Employees." (S. P. 476) (L. D. 1424)

Resolve, Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of Bridge Across Machias River. (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1409)

"Bill, "An Act Relating to Discontinuance of Highways and Town and County Roads." (S. P. 488) (L. D. 1451)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate—As Amended

Bill, "An Act Revising the Potato Grading Law." (S. P. 422) (L. D. 1357)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, As Amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the back of the Senate a group of students from Penobscot Valley High School, the Future Teachers Club chaperoned by Myron Doane. We welcome you here this morning and hope that you enjoy and benefit from your visit. You are from the town of Howland which is in the County of Penobscot, and the Chair would introduce to you the Senators from that County, Senator Faloon and Senator Bernard. (Applause)

ENACTORS

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following Bills and Resolves:

Bill, "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Dredging Project at New Harbor." (H. P. 22) (L. D. 25)

(On motion by Mr. Duquette of York, placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Hours of Moving Pictures on Sunday." (H. P. 421) (L. D. 533)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Vacation Time and Retirement Pensions for Employees of City of Lewiston." (H. P. 514) (L. D. 667)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Retirement of Employee Option by Local Districts under Maine State Retirement System." (H. P. 535) (L. D. 709)

Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Civil Liability of Civil Defense Shelter Owners." (H. P. 633) (L. D. 858)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Inmates at Reformatories Attending Funerals." (H. P. 800) (L. D. 1077)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Right to Hold Property of Corporations for Facilities for Elderly Persons." (H. P. 802) (L. D. 1094)

(On motion by Mr. Harding of Aroostook, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Suspension of Lobster License for Molesting Lobster Traps." (H. P. 850) (L. D. 1149)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Stickers on Windshields of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Civil Defense and Public Safety." (H. P. 876) (L. D. 1172)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate Security Corporation." (H. P. 903) (L. D. 1213)

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Adoption of a System of Marking the Waters of the State." (H. P. 952) (L. D. 1388)

Bill, "An Act Relating to School Construction Aid in Administrative Units." (H. P. 1052) (L. D. 1427)

(On motion by Mr. Duquette of York, placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Cord Under Weights and Measures Law." (H. P. 1053) (L. D. 1429)

Bill, "An Act to Provide Funds for Expansion of Vending Stand Program for the Blind." (H. P. 1054) (L. D. 1430)

(On motion by Mr. Duquette of York, placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Executions on Civil Judgment." (S. P. 232) (L. D. 690)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Sick Leave Benefits for Employees of the Department of Public Works of the City of Lewiston." (S. P. 234) (L. D. 692)

Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Fish Packing Wage Board Law." (S. P. 293) (L. D. 908)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Licensing Small Loan Agencies." (S. P. 350) (L. D. 1125)

(On motion by Mr. Harding of Aroostook, tabled pending enactment and especially assigned for later in today's session.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Number Plates on Motorcycles." (S. P. 370) (L. D. 1137)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Time of Ordering Liquor by Certain Licensees." (S. P. 403) (L. D. 1227)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Closing State Liquor Stores and Licensees in Case of Riots, Hurricanes and Floods." (S. P. 407) (L. D. 1230)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Grouping of Certain School Administrative Units." (S. P. 412) (L. D. 1308)

Which Bills were Passed to Be Enacted.

Resolve Appropriating Money for Support of the Civil Air Patrol Program. (H. P. 119) (L. D. 143)

Resolve Authorizing Preparation and Sale of Index to Private and Special Laws. (H. P. 189) (L. D. 244)

Resolve Providing for a Maine Key Number Digest Committee. (S. P. 161) (L. D. 491)

On motion by Mr. Duquette of York, these resolves were placed on the Special Appropriations table pending enactment.

Constitutional Amendment

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of the State for Guaranteed Loans on Personal Property for Industrial Purposes. (S. P. 222) (L. D. 681)

On motion by Mr. Duquette of York, placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.

Emergency

Bill, "An Act Providing Moneys for National Legislative Conference to be Held in Maine in 1966." (S. P. 37) (L. D. 377)

On motion by Mr. Duquette of York, placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.

Emergency

Resolve Creating an Advisory Commission for the Higher Education Study. (S. P. 480) (L. D. 1428)

On motion by Mr. Duquette of York, placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending final passage.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the 1st tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 436) (L. D. 565) Bill, "An Act Providing for Safety Seat Belts for Motor Vehicles"; tabled on April 6 by Senator Mendell of Cumberland pending consideration; and on motion by Mr. Shiro of Kennebec, the Senate voted to insist on its former action and ask for a committee of conference.

The President laid before the Senate the 2nd tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 163) (L. D. 493) Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Leasing by the State of Wing of Community General Hospital Fort Fairfield to the Hospital"; tabled on April 6 by Senator Chisholm of Cumberland pending enactment.

Mr. HARDING of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate: This is not a party measure, it is a measure which I sponsored at the request of the citizens of Aroostook County and more particularly the Aroostook Mental Health Services. I now move the pending question.

Mr. BROWN of Hancock: Mr. President, to be consistent with the action which I took three terms ago in the unmentionable body at the other end of the hall, I must move for the indefinite postponement of this bill. If this was an outright gift for one dollar to the town of Fort Fairfield I would be all for it but where there is still a ten-year lease agreement I am definitely opposed, and when the vote is taken, Mr. President, I request a division.

Mr. HARDING of Aroostook: Mr. President, I would like to speak briefly on the motion of the Senator from Hancock, Senator Brown.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may.

Mr. HARDING: Mr. President, I would like to mention first of all that it has been said here in the legislative halls that when this bill was originally passed to construct this hospital it was not a wise decision. In hindsight we may say that is so, and yet I suspect that some of the decisions which we make at this legislature which we feel we have made in all due wisdom other legislators in other times will say that we did not act wisely, although I hope that will not be the case in too many instances.

In this particular case we have a facility which is remaining vacant and is costing the State of Maine \$12,000 a year to keep this facility empty. It has been kept empty now for three years and we are going on four years having it thus. I would also mention that there comes to our attention on the Appropriations Committee other empty facilities in the State of Maine. We have one down at Hebron which it costs the State of Maine \$30,000 a year to keep empty. We have another one at Presque Isle which costs the State of Maine another \$30,000 a year to keep empty.

It is the purpose of this bill to use this facility—and whether it was constructed wisely or unwisely is beside the point—the purpose of this bill is to make use of this facility. Now I will mention that this bill has been discussed with the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections, Mr. Ulmer, and he spoke in favor of it at the hearing. It has been discussed with Dr. Schumacher of Mental Health and it has his approval and he spoke in favor of it at the committee hearing. It also has been discussed with Dean Fisher of the Department of Health and Welfare and it has his approval.

Now this hospital proposes to pay the State of Maine for this building not in money but they propose to pay them in services. As I mentioned to you, the State over this ten-year period that this lease provides will have saved over keeping the building empty

in insurance costs and what have you, they will have saved \$12,000 a year or \$120,000 over this ten-year period. The Community General Hospital has agreed to provide certain services for the out-patient treatment of mental health patients, which program has the endorsement of Aroostook County, and the value of those services which the Community Hospital estimates—and which, I might add, Dr. Schumacher says have been estimated too low—is another \$12,000 a year, which makes another \$120,000 which the hospital will have contributed in services over this ten-year period. In addition, the Community General Hospital has agreed to provide to the State of Maine out-patient treatment facilities for T.B. patients for a period of twenty-five years. The value of those services has been estimated at \$3000 a year or \$75,000. In addition I might mention that the Community General Hospital has already paid for land and equipment for this facility the sum of \$25,300. So at the end of this twenty-five year period during which the Community General Hospital is bound to provide services to the State of Maine they will provide, in the value of services and savings to the State a total of \$340,300. But, more than that, this facility will lend itself to the inauguration of a mental health program which is a pilot program for the entire State of Maine.

I think you people here were as deeply moved as I was by the speech of Dr. Menninger at Orono about the treatment of our mental patients, how years ago we arrested them, we put them in jail and then they were confined to mental institutions. We are getting away from that now, thank the Lord, and this is the start of a program whereby these mental patients will go to a hospital just like any other sick person and be treated like any other sick person, the way they ought to be treated; there will be a psychiatrist hired and he will be there and the Community General Hospital has guaranteed under this arrangement that they will always have ten beds available for the

treatment of our mental patients in Aroostook County.

This program has received unanimous endorsement from the doctors of medicine throughout Aroostook County. One of the leading doctors was here to speak in behalf of it, Dr. Smith of Presque Isle. I would mention also that the County of Aroostook, in a very unusual move, appropriated from its county budget this year \$15,000 and they will appropriate \$15,000 next year for the inauguration of this mental health program. This is how bad they want it.

So I think this is a good program, I think it has been wisely conceived and if a mistake has been made in the past at least now we can make use of these facilities, put them to work, save the State money and at the same time provide a very useful program to Aroostook County and to the entire State of Maine. Therefore I would hope, in all due deference to my colleague, whom I esteem and respect, the Senator from Hancock, Senator Brown, that you would vote against his motion for indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT: The motion before the Senate is the motion to indefinitely postpone L. D. 493. A division has been requested.

Mr. SNOW of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to ask the Senator from Aroostook through the Chair what the committee report was on this document.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Snow, poses a question through the Chair to the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Harding, who may answer if he so chooses.

Mr. HARDING of Aroostook: Mr. President, the committee report on this particular bill—and I would mention that there was not a single member of the committee who was from Aroostook County—after hearing all of the testimony in regard to the bill they reported it out unanimously "Ought to pass."

Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question through the Chair of the Senator from Aroostook. Do I understand that this is the program

which takes care of the children who are mentally retarded?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Lincoln, Senator Sproul, directs a question through the Chair of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Harding, who may answer if he chooses.

Mr. HARDING: Mr. President, in answer to the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Sproul, this is not the program for the mentally retarded, this is for the mentally ill and it would cover the kind of patient who, if these facilities were not available, would be committed to the Bangor State Hospital, which is 220 miles away from the most northern distant point in Aroostook County.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Senator consider her question answered?

Mrs. SPROUL: Yes, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is the motion for indefinite postponement.

A division being had, 2 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 27 in the negative the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail. Thereupon the bill was passed to be enacted.

Mr. O'LEARY of Oxford: Mr. President, may I ask if L. D. 1313 is in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator that it is, having been requested by the Senator.

Mr. BROWN of Hancock: Mr. President, may we have the title of the bill read?

The Secretary read the title of the bill, Bill, "An Act Revising the Minimum Wage Law." (L. D. 1313)

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. O'Leary of Oxford, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby it accepted the Ought Not to Pass report and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the Sen-

ate Chamber a group of seniors from Lincoln Academy, the senior class in American Government chaperoned this morning by Mrs. Peter Duquette. We welcome you here this morning and hope that you enjoy and benefit from your visit here. You are from the town of Newcastle which is in the county of Lincoln. The Chair would like to introduce the Senator from that County, Senator Sproul (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Jacques of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table the 3rd tabled and unassigned item (H. P. 152) (L. D. 175) Bill, "An Act Relating to Stock of Merchandise in Retail Stores under Liquor Law"; tabled by that Senator on February 26 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Jacques of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table the 20th tabled and unassigned item (S. P. 70) (L. D. 131) Senate Report Leave to Withdraw as Covered by other legislation from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Restaurant under Liquor Law"; tabled by that Senator on April 2 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Norris of Oxford, the Senate voted to take from the table the 5th tabled and unassigned item (H. P. 316) L. D. 419) Resolve in Favor of Town of Woolwich for Loss of Tax Revenues; tabled by that Senator on March 9 pending final passage; and on motion by Mr. Cahill of Somerset, the resolve was placed on the Special Highway Appropriations Table pending final passage.

On motion by Mr. Shiro of Kennebec, the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby it passed

to be engrossed (Item 7-10) Bill, "An Act Relating to Discontinuance of Highways and Town and County Roads" (S. P. 488) (L. D. 1451); and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed; and was especially assigned for the next legislative day.

The President laid before the Senate L. D. 1125, S. P. 350 Bill, "An Act Relating to Licensing Small Loan Agencies" tabled by Senator Harding of Aroostook earlier in today's session pending passage to be enacted; and on

further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its previous action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption. Which amendment (S-124) was read and adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Harding of Aroostook

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.