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OF THE

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Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Thursday, February 23, 1967

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. George Mills of Farmingdale.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The young lady present here on the rostrum this morning is the special guest of the Speaker. Her name is Miss Debbie Johnson, the daughter of our Honorable Clerk of the House. Debbie is a senior at Calais High School and aspires to become an airline stewardess. (Applause)

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 418)

STATE OF MAINE
Augusta, Maine

February 21, 1967

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Third Legislature

Transmitted herewith is the Report by the Chebeague Island Bridge Interim Committee to the One Hundred and Third Legislature.

This report is being submitted in accordance with the Interim Study Committee authorized by the One Hundred and Second Legislature.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

MARGARET SPROUL
Vice Chairman

Came from the Senate read and with accompanying Report ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and with accompanying Report ordered placed on file in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 28, at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 419)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Application for License for Sale of Malt Liquor in Retail Stores" (S. P. 112) (L. D. 183)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Hotel under Liquor Laws" (S. P. 114) (L. D. 185)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Hichens of Eliot, tabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Thursday, March 2.)

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty in Prohibiting Dangerous Knives" (S. P. 160) (L. D. 331)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Bridge Academy" (S. P. 65) (L. D. 109)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act increasing the Borrowing Capacity of the Winter Harbor School District" (S. P. 161) (L. D. 332)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act increasing the Borrowing Authority of the Gouldsboro School District" (S. P. 162) (L. D. 333)

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting same on Bill "An Act Permitting Waiver of Citizenship Requirement for Technical and Professional Personnel" (S. P. 165) (L. D. 336)

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Recognition of Certain Motor Vehicle Licenses Held by Members of Armed Forces or Their Spouses" (S. P. 132) (L. D. 260)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Unauthorized Person from Driving a Motor Vehicle" (S. P. 134) (L. D. 262)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Reregistration of Motor Vehicles for Members of Armed Forces Returning from Overseas Duty" (S. P. 135) (L. D. 263)

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

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

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to the Hunting of Muskrat, Mink, Otter and Fisher by Indians" (H. P. 670) (L. D. 942) which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in the House on February 16.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in non-concurrence.

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

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Securities" (H. P. 733) (Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve to Reimburse Elmer Hannigan of Portland for Property Damage by Highway Construction

(H. P. 734) (Presented by Mrs. Carswell of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse Wayne Smith of East Dixfield for Loss of Sheep (H. P. 735) (Presented by Mr. Scott of Wilton)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Pre-school Physical Examinations of Children" (H. P. 736) (Presented by Mr. Dunn of Denmark)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Exempting State Colleges from Line Category Budget Control" (H. P. 737) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Stonington)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Accreditation of Elementary Schools" (H. P. 738) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers in Northern Penobscot County and the Issuance of Bonds of the State of Maine Not Exceeding One Million Dollars for the Financing Thereof" (H. P. 739) (Presented by Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act relating to State Prison Prisoners' Attendance at Funerals or Deathbed Visits" (H. P. 740) (Presented by Mr. Haynes of Camden)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Authority of Warden of the Maine State Prison to Effect Rehabilitative Programming at the State Prison" (H. P. 741) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to the Reformatories for Men and Women" (H. P. 742) (Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve Designating Certain Highways in Lincoln County as Mariner and Pioneer Trail (H. P. 743) (Presented by Mr. Lewis of Bristol)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Indian Affairs

Bill "An Act to Revise the Maine Indian Housing Authority Law" (H. P. 744) (Presented by Mr. Cookson of Glenburn)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerks of Indian Tribes and Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles Paid by Members of Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians" (H. P. 745) (Presented by same gentleman)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Biennial Elections of Penobscot Tribe of Indians" (H. P. 746) (Presented by same gentleman)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Special Offices for Indian Tribes" (H. P. 747) (Presented by same gentleman)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Biennial Elections of Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians" (H. P. 748) (Presented by same gentleman)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Degree of Blood of Penobscot Indian for Purposes of State Law" (H. P. 749) (Presented by same gentleman)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Police Offices of Indian Tribes" (H. P. 750) (Presented by same gentleman)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Update the Surveys of Penobscot Tribal Lands" (H. P. 751) (Presented by same gentleman)
 (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Licensing Private Detectives and Watch, Guard and Patrol Agencies" (H. P. 752) (Presented by Mr. Crockett of Freeport)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Validation of Defects in Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgages" (H. P. 753) (Presented by Mr. Danton of Old Orchard Beach)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Workmen's Compensation Insurance" (H. P. 754) (Presented by Mr. Fortier of Waterville)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Establishing the Police Arbitration Law" (H. P. 755) (Presented by same gentleman)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Chiropractic Service for Injured Employee Under Workmen's Compensation Law" (H. P. 756) (Presented by Mr. Jameson of Bangor)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Annex Black and Megquier Islands in Thompson Lake to Town of Oxford" (H. P. 757) (Presented by Mr. Henley of Norway)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Limit to Hold Property of the East Livermore Campmeeting Association" (H. P. 758) (Presented by Mr. Hichens of Eliot)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Purposes of Northeast District of the Unitarian Universalist Association" (H. P. 759) (Presented by Mr. Huber of Rockland)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Falmouth" (H. P. 760) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Falmouth)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Board of Trustees of Brunswick Sewer District" (H. P. 761) (Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Brunswick)
 (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act relating to Authorization to Borrow Money by Brunswick Sewer District" (H. P. 762)

(Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Brunswick)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to Coastal Marshlands" (H. P. 763) (Presented by Mr. Lowery of Brunswick)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Restrict Purse Seining Near Certain Stop Seines" (H. P. 764) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Stonington)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of State Personnel Board" (H. P. 765) (Presented by Mrs. Fuller of York)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Continuing Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women" (H. P. 766) (Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford)
 (Ordered Printed)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Sheriff to Four-Year Terms (H. P. 767) (Presented by Mr. Cottrell of Portland)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Refund for Malt Liquor Excise Taxes" (H. P. 768) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Credit Against Sales and Use Tax on Industrial Machinery and Equipment" (H. P. 769) (Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption from Sales Tax on Materials Used in Repairs of Transient Boats Owned by Nonresidents" (H. P. 770) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Non-lapsing Funds for Land in Town of Wells for Park Purposes" (H.

P. 771) (Presented by Mr. Clark of Wells)
 (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers of Franklin County" (H. P. 772) (Presented by Mr. Scott of Wilton)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Trucking of Livestock" (H. P. 773) (Presented by Mr. Thompson of Belfast)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Hunter of Durham, it was

ORDERED, that Steven Minkowsky and David Minkowsky of Auburn be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, it was

ORDERED, that Paula McMann and Nicolette Sylvester of Bath be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

On motion of Mrs. Baker of Winthrop, it was

ORDERED, that Jeannie, Cynthia and Nancy Greene of Winthrop be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

On motion of Mr. Shute of Farmington, it was

ORDERED, that Paul Mills of Farmington be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

On motion of Mr. Huber of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that Matthew Crossman of Vinalhaven be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

On motion of Mrs. Baker of Orrington, it was

ORDERED, that Julia Stackpole of Lebanon be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

On motion of Mr. Farrington of China, it was

ORDERED, that Nancy Adams and Steven Giles of China be ap-

pointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

On motion of Mr. Watts of Machias, it was

ORDERED, that Frank Miliano, Jr. of Eastport be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

On motion of Mr. Minkowsky of Lewiston, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Wilfrid A. Jordan of North Whitefield be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, March 21, 1967.

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, February 23, 1967, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the first National Vocational Education Act by President Woodrow Wilson; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 1917, the Seventy-Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, in its infinite wisdom, saw fit to enact legislation to accept the benefits of said Act and to provide for the promotion of vocational education within our State as an integral part of public education; and

WHEREAS, through a series of enactments since 1917, such benefits have made possible the development of vocational education to serve Maine people who seek employment or are already employed in trades and industries, agriculture, distribution and marketing, home and office, health and technical occupations; and

WHEREAS, the extension and expansion of vocational and technical educational programs are so vital to this State in serving the training needs in all occupational fields not classified as professional or requiring a college degree; and

WHEREAS, Public Vocational Educational Programs have provided a means for the development and construction of area vocational schools so necessary to many young and adult persons who are preparing for employment or improvement of their skills; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has long been the beneficiary of Vocational Educational Programs which have contributed immeasur-

ably to the betterment of this State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this 103rd Maine Legislature designates February 23, 1967 as the fiftieth anniversary of vocational education in Maine, and takes great pride in recognizing the accomplishments made during the past fifty years and offers legislative support and encouragement to Vocational Educational Programs which are proving to be of greater and greater service to the people of the State of Maine and to the Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we the Members of the 103rd Legislature give special recognition to those vocational educators who faithfully develop and motivate leadership abilities in students enrolled in vocational and technical education. (H. P. 774)

The Resolution was adopted and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ewer of Bangor, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby Bill "An Act Establishing the Policemen's Arbitration Law" Senate Paper 342, L. D. 926, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

On further motion of the same gentleman, referred to the Committee on Labor in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Cottrell from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Increasing Exemptions for Veterans from Property Taxes" (H. P. 427) (L. D. 591) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Birt from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Provide Funds for the Purchase of Copies of the "Clinton, Maine. Vital Records to 1892" (H. P. 209) (L. D. 299)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Ought to Pass
Printed Bills**

Mr. Harriman from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Sales Tax Exemption for Community Mental Health Facilities" (H. P. 388) (L. D. 535)

Mr. Susi from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Tax Refunds by the State" (H. P. 386) (L. D. 533)

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

**Referred to Committee
On Highways**

Mr. Bragdon from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Brunswick for Property Tax Exemption on Property of State of Maine (H. P. 26) (L. D. 47) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Report was read and accepted. Resolve referred to the Committee on Highways and sent up for concurrence.

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment
Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Dunn from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Providing for Purchase of Two Hundred Copies of "Pittsfield on the Seabasticook" (H. P. 25) (L. D. 46) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 25, L. D. 46, Resolve, Providing for Purchase of Two Hundred Copies of "Pittsfield on the Seabasticook".

Amend said Resolve in the Title by striking out the word "Two" and inserting in place thereof the word 'One'

Further amend said Resolve in the first line (2nd line in L. D. 46) by striking out the figure "200" and inserting in place thereof the figure '100'; and by striking out

in the last line, before the Statement of Facts, the figure "\$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$500'

(On motion of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield, tabled pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" and assigned the next legislative day.)

Mr. Dudley from the Committee on Highways on Resolve in favor of Oxford County for Snow Removal in Unorganized Territory (H. P. 140) (L. D. 204) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 140, L. D. 204, Resolve, in Favor of Oxford County for Snow Removal in Unorganized Territory.

Amend said Resolve in the 2nd line (same in L. D. 204) by striking out the figure "\$2,201.98" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,762.03'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Mrs. Lincoln from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Bethel" (H. P. 198) (L. D. 287) 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. 198, L. D. 287, Bill, "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Bethel."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of section 3 the following paragraph:

'The municipal officers of the Town of Bethel shall at the time of appointment of the board of trustees, fix the compensation of the trustees, which shall not exceed \$200 per year for each trustee.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 11.

Further amend said Bill by re-numbering sections 12 to 21 to be sections 11 to 20.

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

Mr. Snow from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Newport" (H. P. 418) (L. D. 600) 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. 418, L. D. 600, Bill, "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Newport."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 11.

Further amend said Bill by re-numbering sections 12 to 21 to be sections 11 to 20.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Duties and Salary of Aroostook County Fire Marshal" (S. P. 33) (L. D. 32)

Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Dover and Foxcroft Water District" (H. P. 72) (L. D. 97)

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 Use of Dealer Registration Plates" (H. P. 124) (L. D. 150)

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

(On motion of Mr. Dunn of Denmark, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 1.)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Eliot Water District" (H. P. 155) (L. D. 218)

Bill "An Act Creating the Newport Water District" (H. P. 417) (L. D. 583)

Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Forest Management on Indian Township" (H. P. 732) (L. D. 968)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act to Provide Additional Funds for Enforcement of the Potato Branding Law" (S. P. 176) (L. D. 421)

Bill "An Act relating to Carrying Operator's License when Operating Motor Vehicle" (H. P. 178) (L. D. 241)

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

Third Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Conveyance of Secondary Pupils" (H. P. 183) (L. D. 297)

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

(On motion of Mr. Payson of Falmouth, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 1.)

Third Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Power Boats on Jordan Pond and Eagle Lake, Mount Desert Island, Hancock County" (H. P. 217) (L. D. 307)

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

(On motion of Mr. Beliveau of Rumford, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and assigned the next legislative day.)

Bill "An Act relating to Restrictions on Power Boats in Ox Brook Lake" (H. P. 222) (L. D. 312)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Franklin County (H. P. 63) (L. D. 88)

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

**Passed to Be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act relating to Taking of Alewives in City of Bath (S. P. 84) (L. D. 165)

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

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

Mr. McMANN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The reason this is an emergency measure, having been a member of the Council in Bath when this was passed, the last few years, there has been wildcat taking of alewives and there has been quite a struggle over it. The City of Bath, in order to take charge of it, has to have this passed by the Legislature, and I wish you would give us the pleasure of passing it. Thank you.

Thereupon, this being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 123 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Providing Funds for Educational Loans for Maine Students (S. P. 151) (L. D. 323)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 124 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Nonlapsing Funds for Armory Construction (H. P. 52) (L. D. 77)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 124 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Validating the Vote to Convert St. Francis Plantation into the Town of St. Francis (H. P. 69) (L. D. 94)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 125 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to the Powers and Purposes of the Town of Wiscasset School District (H. P. 131) (L. D. 195)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 123 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Finally Passed
Emergency Measure**

Resolve Providing Funds for Conservation Education (S. P. 64) (L. D. 108)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 125 voted in favor of same and 2 against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Providing for Life Preservers for all Motorboats Operating on Inland Waters (S. P. 4) (L. D. 7)

An Act Making Bequest of Wini-fred K. Mank to the Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf a Part of the Permanent Trust Funds of the State (S. P. 80) (L. D. 161)

An Act to Clarify the Statutes Relating to Boards of Assessment Review (S. P. 121) (L. D. 250)

An Act relating to the Place of Taxation of Camp Trailers (S. P. 122) (L. D. 251)

An Act relating to Collection of Excise Tax in Municipalities (S. P. 124) (L. D. 253)

An Act relating to Valuation Appeals in Unorganized Territory (S. P. 125) (L. D. 254)

An Act relating to Actions of Married Women for Loss of Consortium of Husband (H. P. 64) (L. D. 89)

An Act relating to Sale of Fire-works (H. P. 105) (L. D. 132)

An Act relating to Bureau of Corrections of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections (H. P. 135) (L. D. 199)

An Act relating to Collection of Amounts Due for the Support of Persons at State Institutions (H. P. 136) (L. D. 200)

An Act relating to Initial Type Registration Plates for Motor Vehicles (H. P. 181) (L. D. 244)

Finally Passed

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Lands in the Unorganized Territory (S. P. 118) (L. D. 247)

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.

Orders of the Day

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

Bill "An Act Reclassifying Certain Inland Waters of the Kennebec River Basin" (S. P. 116) (L. D. 245)

Tabled — February 21, by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Pike of Lubec, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 2.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Uninsured Motorist Coverage in Insurance Policies" (H. P. 211) (L. D. 301) (C. "A" H-12)

Tabled — February 22, by Mr. Scott of Wilton.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Scott of Wilton offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 211, L. D. 301, Bill, "An Act Relating to Uninsured Motorist Coverage in Insurance Policies."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line the following underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1968.'

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

Mr. Hichens of Eliot was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HICHENS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Yesterday, we had the privilege to receive the youngest Member of the House, Representative Snowe. Today, I would like to draw attention to the eldest Member of the House, Reverend John Meisner. Mr. Meisner has

served or is serving his third term as Representative in the House of Representatives, and is still an active pastor in the ministry of the State of Maine. Last November during our pre-legislative conference, he and his wife observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Meisner is in the gallery today looking down in a beaming fashion upon her husband. We want to commend her for putting up with Mr. Meisner for fifty years.

This coming Sunday, Mr. Meisner will pass to another decade, from his seventy-ninth to his eightieth birthday, and I think it fitting that the Members of the House offer their congratulations and God's wishes for many happy days to come. (Applause)

Mr. Meisner of Dover-Foxcroft was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. MEISNER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I don't know what to say. This is very unexpected, I thought this was a secret. I knew that one of the reporters had a little write-up on the Members that were here. Mr. Martin from Eagle Lake had the honor of being the youngest Member, and I the eldest. He said I was seventy-nine, so seventy-nine wasn't too bad — I grant he said that before I had my next birthday.

Yesterday, Mr. Martin got rid of his distinction, but I'm afraid mine is going to hang with me.

The Psalmist said — I suppose I should refer to the Scripture, "The years of a man's life are three-score and ten, and by reason of strength they should be four-score. Yet as their strength, labor and sorrow — is soon cut off and we fly away." I suppose I should agree with the Psalmist, but I can't. Truly, eighty years is quite a long time to live, but it only seems like yesterday. My life hasn't been full of trouble; not too much sorrow, only that sorrow that comes to all of us as we go along life's way, and I've had a very happy life.

Some people have already asked me what is the secret of my life of all these years, and I suppose somebody will be asking me right away. A friend of mine who was

a preacher became eighty and in the sermon he said something about being eighty years old, and when he came down the aisle a lady met him and said: "Eighty years old and you are still alive?" He said she seemed to be surprised that I was alive. If I had been dead why she wouldn't have been. So perhaps somebody will ask me the secret of living so long and being so healthy. If the doctors had depended upon me for a living, they would have all starved, but the insurance men I am sure have prospered in my long life, because if I had all the money that I have paid for insurance I wouldn't have to worry any more in my life.

But that as it is, the secret of my life I do not know. I think perhaps in the first place, if I had had time to think this over I might have done it a little better, but I am sure it has been a busy life. I have never known the time when there wasn't something ahead of me that I had to do, and still is. I think I haven't had time to think of myself and of my pains and aches and so they passed by unnoticed.

Perhaps the second one, maybe this should have been first, I have had faith, and I am not ashamed to say that. And that faith and there is One that would care for us all and I have done a minimum of worrying, and I think the third ingredient in a long life is to be happy. I have had a very happy life. This has depended upon a good many things, in the first place perhaps because I have been able to do the things that I wanted to do.

First as a young man I thought I would like to be a preacher, and I accomplished that by hard work. And then I always had a desire having been brought up on a farm that someday I should own a farm, and I accomplished that. And then I always thought that I would like to go to the Legislature, but as the years passed by I almost gave up hope, until at last I came down here. I want to say that one of the pleasant experiences of my life has been spent here in the Legis-

lature and the fellowship I have received here.

Then of course something that adds to your happiness is having a happy home, and as was suggested in this obituary read here that December 6 my wife and I celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary. She got all the congratulations because all my friends said: we are going over and shake hands with Mrs. Meisner for her ability to tuck it out these fifty years, and she stayed with me these fifty years, and she says she hasn't any desire to leave me now after all these years.

We had three children, two daughters and a son, and they have been a credit to us and our family and never caused us too much trouble, and we have had a happy life. I think this is due to her good care. She watches me, and she sees to it that I eat my greens and carrots every day, and good home cooking.

Now there is a little story that I close with that her care over me hasn't been feeding me on pills or barbiturates or anything like that to keep me going. You know psychiatrists say nowadays that women should marry men that are at least six years younger than they are because men grow old faster than women. By the time a man is seventy he likes to read his paper and stay home nights a little more, but at around sixty-five or so women just, well, they want to go then, they're like free and they like to go places.

And so on one occasion where this was taking place, the man wanted to stay home at night and read his paper and this woman was full of life and she couldn't get him to go. She couldn't get him to the doctor either. So he wasn't feeling very well one day and so this is her chance and she called in a physician. So the physician came and examined him and said I don't see anything wrong with him, he is all right, he's got a little cold and so on. She said what's the matter with him? He wants to sit here all the time. I want to get up and go and he doesn't want to go anywhere. She said: Can't you give him something, haven't you got some pills

or something you can give him to rejuvenate him, and he said: well, yes, sure, I can. So he gave her some pills and he said: Now remember, be very careful of these pills, don't give him too many. Just one in his soup every night. So in her haste and anxiety and nervousness, she made the soup and went to pour a pill into the soup and several pills went in, but she still gave him the same soup and took a chance on what would happen. Of course he went to bed that night and slept soundly, and next morning came and he was still sleeping and she got up and made the breakfast and then she came in and he was still asleep, and she shook him and she said: Come on, get up, be alive! You should be young this morning. Be young! And he said: All right, he says, I'll get up, but I won't go to school. (laughter and applause)

Mr. Carey of Waterville was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CAREY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Last Tuesday the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, spoke on the pace that was being set by the 103rd and compared it to the 101st and the 102nd, and while not wishing to take issue with the gentleman, I would speak as a freshman and say that the pace to me is currently being visibly increased. The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Healy, on the same day spoke about the piles upon piles of reports and surveys that he had, and he mentioned the fact that he was hard pressed to keep up with these matters.

As a freshman, I feel that the current pace along with the gradual speed-up is very suitable to myself, because currently I can just keep my head above water reading what I have presently been given.

To ask or infer that the pace be doubled at this time would do many of us a grave injustice. We would be forced to vote on many issues totally unprepared. Having been elected to this great body, I expect the best of myself as I know my constituents do. I don't

want to rush into matters simply to get out faster. This would be doing the people of the State and the people of my community a great disservice. I thank you.

On motion of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 28, at ten o'clock in the morning.