

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**HOUSE**

Tuesday, February 28, 1967

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. George Whittier of Augusta.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Hermon High School Band.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would ask the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson, to the rostrum to serve as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Richardson assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem and Speaker Kennedy retired from the Hall.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 442)

August 25, 1966

To the Members of the 103rd Legislature:

The Legislative Research Committee is pleased to submit this study on the Feasibility of Establishing a Medical School in Maine pursuant to a directive of the 102nd Legislature. (Copy of the Order printed in full on page 3)

This report which was contractually studied for the Committee, under authority of the Legislature, contains the findings and recommendations of the Legislative Research Committee as developed by Dr. John B. Truslow, Fortunes Rock, Biddeford, Maine.

The Committee sincerely hopes that the information herein contained will prove of benefit to the members of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS JALBERT, Chairman  
Legislative Research Committee

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:

Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in Amount of One Million One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for Construction at Pine-land Hospital and Training Center and of Regional Care Facilities for the Severely Mentally Retarded at Bangor" (S. P. 371) (L. D. 984)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Security in Small Loan Transactions" (S. P. 372) (L. D. 985)

Bill "An Act Reducing Maximum Amount and Duration of Small Loans and Establishing Equitable Rates for Small Loan Agencies" (S. P. 373) (L. D. 986)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Appropriating Matching Funds Under Title VI of the Federal Higher Education Act for Maine Maritime Academy" (S. P. 328) (L. D. 983)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Taking of Bail in the District Court" (S. P. 375) (L. D. 988)

Bill "An Act to Abolish Imprisonment for Debts" (S. P. 376) (L. D. 989)

Bill "An Act relating to Amount of Wages Subject to Trustee Process" (S. P. 377) (L. D. 991)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Authority of Complaint Justices and Dis-

trict Court Judges" (S. P. 378) (L. D. 990)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions of Insurance Benefits from Claims of Creditors" (S. P. 379) (L. D. 992)

Bill "An Act Providing for an Additional District Court Judge at Large" (S. P. 380) (L. D. 993)

Bill "An Act relating to List of Prospective Jurors and Selection of Jurors" (S. P. 381) (L. D. 994)

Resolve to Continue Review of Maine Criminal Statutes (S. P. 374) (L. D. 987)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Establishing a Grievance Procedure and Appeals Board for State Employees" (S. P. 383) (L. D. 995)

Bill "An Act relating to Executive Reorganization" (S. P. 384) (L. D. 996)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Appropriating County Funds for the Cooperative Extension Service for Franklin County" (S. P. 385) (L. D. 997)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

#### **Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Restaurant Under the Liquor Laws" (S. P. 113) (L. D. 184)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Local Option Questions on Sale of Liquor" (S. P. 218) (L. D. 481)

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 tomorrow assigned.

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

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Legal Size of Salmon Taken from Green Lake and Alligator Lake, Hancock County" (S. P. 108) (L. D. 179) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

Committee Amendment "A" was read.

(On motion of Mr. Quinn of Bangor, tabled pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" and tomorrow assigned.)

#### **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:

##### **Agriculture**

Bill "An Act Increasing Tax on Milk Producers for Promotional Purposes" (H. P. 775) (Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars to Develop Coastal Beach Recreational Facilities in Town of Wells" (H. P. 776) (Presented by Mr. Clark of Wells)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Money to Supplement Federal Vocational Funds for Area Education Programs for Apprentices and Other Adult Workers" (H. P. 777) (Presented by Mrs. Cornell of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Rehabilitate Facilities at Dow Air Force Base in Bangor" (H. P. 778) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars for a Regional Airport to Service Central Maine" (H. P. 779) (Presented by Mr. Roy of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Improvements at Pleasant Point and Indian Township Reservations (H. P. 780) (Presented by Mr. Miliano of Eastport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act Providing for a Truth-in-Lending Act" (H. P. 781) (Presented by Mr. Robertson of Brewer)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Claims**

Resolve in Favor of Seth A. Whitcomb of Readfield for Injuries Sustained While State Employee (H. P. 782) (Presented by Mrs. Baker of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Education**

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of a Junior High School" (H. P. 783) (L. D. 783) Presented by Mr. Allen of Caribou)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Permitting Approval of Early Childhood Education Programs" (H. P. 784) (Presented by Mrs. Hanson of Lebanon)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Trade and Industrial Teacher Education Service at Gorham State

College" (H. P. 785) (Presented by same member)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Election Laws**

Bill "An Act relating to School Committee and Elective Officers of City of Saco" (H. P. 786) (Presented by Mr. Bedard of Saco)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Municipal Election in City of Westbrook" (H. P. 787) (Presented by Mr. Carrier of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Election of Constables in City of Westbrook" (H. P. 788) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Health and Institutional Services**

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Certain Biologics" (H. P. 789) (Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Brucellosis in Swine" (H. P. 790) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Highways**

Bill "An Act Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of Bridge Between Bath and Phippsburg" (H. P. 791) (Presented by Mr. McMann of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reconstruct Mallison Falls Bridge Between the Towns of Windham and Gorham (H. P. 792) (Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act relating to Threatening Display of or Carrying Concealed Weapons" (H. P. 793) (Presented by Mr. Rackliff of Easton)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Labor**

Bill "An Act relating to Eligibility for Benefits Under Employ-

ment Security Law by Those Attending Vocational Training Courses" (H. P. 794) (Presented by Mr. Ewer of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act relating to Trespass on Lands Appurtenant to State Colleges" (H. P. 795) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Caribou)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to the Manufacture of Certain Electronic and Mechanical Devices" (H. P. 796) (Presented by Mr. Binnette of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to the Composition of Certain Boards and Commissions of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 797) (Presented by Mr. Gaudreau of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to Political Composition of the Various Boards and Commissions of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 798) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to Compensation for Appointive Members of the Various Boards and Commissions in City of Lewiston" (H. P. 799) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government for Town of Skowhegan" (H. P. 800) (Presented by Mr. Kyes of Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Ward Boundaries of the City of Brewer" (H. P. 801) (Presented by Mr. Robertson of Brewer)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act Amending Charter of City of Calais" (H. P. 802) (Presented by Mr. Townsend of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Liquor Control**

Bill "An Act Defining Hotel Under Liquor Laws" (H. P. 803) (Presented by Mr. Roy of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing Local Option for Sunday Sales of Liquor by Hotels and Restaurants" (H. P. 804) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Public Utilities**

Bill "An Act relating to Board of Trustees of Searsport Water District" (H. P. 805) (Presented by Mr. Edwards of Stockton Springs)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act to Increase Borrowing Capacity of the Fort Fairfield Utilities District" (H. P. 806) (Presented by Mr. Rackliff of Easton)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Retirements and Pensions**

Bill "An Act relating to Disability Retirement and Retirement Allowances Under State Retirement System" (H. P. 807) (Presented by Mr. Janelle of Scarborough)

(Ordered Printed)  
Resolve to Provide Retirement Credit for Seth A. Whitcomb of Readfield (H. P. 808) (Presented by Mrs. Baker of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Casualty Insurance Companies for Administration of Bureau of Fire Prevention" (H. P. 809) (Presented by Mr. Hawes of Union)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act Exempting Farm Machinery, Except Tractors, from Personal Property Tax" (H. P. 810) (Presented by Mr. Hunter of Durham)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to Distribution of Railroad Stock Tax to City of Bangor" (H. P. 811) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to Refunding Motor Fuel Taxes to Political Subdivisions of the State" (H. P. 812) (Presented by Mr. Robinson of Carmel)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Exempting Gas for Cooking and Heating in Homes from Sales Tax" (H. P. 813) (Presented by Mrs. Wheeler of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Towns and Counties**

Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Chief Administrative Officer of County Commissioners of Aroostook County" (H. P. 814) (Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Judge and Register of Probate and Register of Deeds of Penobscot County" (H. P. 815) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act relating to Lights on Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 816) (Presented by Mrs. Baker of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act Authorizing Permanent Registration Plates for Fleet Operated Vehicles" (H. P. 817) (Presented by Mr. Crosby of Kennebunk)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to Reregistration of Motor Vehicles of Maine Residents Purchased in Foreign Countries or Out of State" (H. P. 818) (Presented by Mr. Hunter of Durham)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act relating to Color of Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses Issued to Persons Under 21 Years of Age" (H. P. 819) (Presented by Mrs. Wheeler of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)  
Bill "An Act Permitting Sheriffs to Issue Permits to Motor Vehicle Owners for Operation to Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations" (H. P. 820) (Presented by same member)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Thompson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and

Game on Bill "An Act Regulating Fishing in Lakes and Ponds" (H. P. 144) (L. D. 208) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Rackliff from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Portion of Jordan River, Cumberland County (H. P. 147) (L. D. 211)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Ought Not to Pass Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Hodgkins from the Committee on Election Laws reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Signatures on Petitions for Nomination for State and County Officers" (H. P. 313) (L. D. 447)

Report was read.  
(On motion of Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township, tabled pending acceptance of Report and tomorrow assigned.)

Mr. Champagne from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting Advance Baiting for Taking Whitefish from Sebago Lake (H. P. 143) (L. D. 207)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in McGrath Pond and Salmon Pond in Kennebec County (H. P. 191) (L. D. 280)

Mr. Cookson from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Cumberland County (H. P. 102) (L. D. 129)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Gaudreau from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Wild Hares and Rabbits in York County" (H. P. 219) (L. D. 309)

Report was read.  
(On motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, tabled pending acceptance of Report and tomorrow assigned.)

Mr. Prince from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve relating to Regulating Taking of Alewives from Dennys River, Washington County (H. P. 421) (L. D. 585)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Referred to Committee on Education

Mr. Birt from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing State Scholarships for Higher Education" (H. P. 463) (L. D. 676) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Education.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

#### Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs

Mrs. Hanson from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Town of Woodland School District" (H. P. 479) (L. D. 692) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Haynes from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Spearing Suckers in Rivers, Streams and Brooks" (H. P. 145) (L. D. 209)

Mr. Maddox from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Bill "An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws Related to Sea and Shore Fisheries" (H. P. 242) (L. D. 350)

Mr. Watts from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Repeal and Amend Certain Private and Special Laws Relative to Sea and Shore Fisheries" (H. P. 243) (L. D. 351)

Mrs. Cornell from the Committee on State Government reported

same on Bill "An Act relating to Legislative Apportionment for Cranberry Isles, Hancock County" (H. P. 285) (L. D. 405)

Mr. Philbrook from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Establishing American History Month in Maine" (H. P. 160) (L. D. 223)

Mr. Jewell from the Committee on Transportation reported same on Bill "An Act Permitting the Removal of Disabled Motor Vehicles for Repair" (H. P. 432) (L. D. 596)

Mr. Waltz from the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Child Under World War Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Services" (H. P. 80) (L. D. 105)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Testimonials for Marking Unmarked Graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers" (H. P. 127) (L. D. 191)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Jameson from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill "An Act relating to State Police Retirement Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System" (H. P. 157) (L. D. 220) 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. 157, L. D. 220, Bill, "An Act Relating to State Police Retirement Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System.

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th and 7th lines of the 2nd paragraph (3rd and 5th lines of 2nd paragraph of L. D. 220) the underlined figure "50" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '55'

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



**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Spruce Budworm Control" (H. P. 22) (L. D. 43) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BERRY of Cumberland  
ALBAIR of Aroostook  
DUQUETTE of York  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. BRAGDON of Perham  
BIRT of East Millinocket  
HUMPHREY of Augusta  
JALBERT of Lewiston  
SCRIBNER of Portland  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HINDS  
— of South Portland  
DUNN of Denmark  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move the acceptance of the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, now moves acceptance of the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Denmark, Mr. Dunn.

Mr. DUNN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would just like to state my position here. This is a question of appropriating money. Spraying has to be done, there is very little question of that, but I did think that the owners were well able to finance this themselves.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This

Legislative Document had a very lengthy hearing before the Committee on Appropriations, and after carefully evaluating all the evidence presented the Committee as you have just seen reported 8 to 2 "ought to pass."

L. D. 43 appropriates \$53,330 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Funds to be expended by the Forest Commissioner. Now the purpose of this appropriation is to provide one third of the funds necessary for a spray program to combat a very serious infestation of the spruce budworm in an area covering some one hundred thousand acres of forest land centered in the Oxbow area of Aroostook County. It is my understanding that this infestation has reached such proportions that this spray program must be ready to start in the early spring — late in May or early in June, or we will be facing certain loss of many cords of valuable wood and much new growth.

I would like to give a little bit of history over the past years.

In the earlier outbreaks beginning back in the 1770's up to 1910, no control measures were used and during these periods a tremendous amount of forest land was devastated, and in the 1910-1920 outbreak killed 27,000,000 cords of spruce and fir in Maine alone with proportionate damage in adjacent Canadian forests. Such forests so ravaged are notorious fire hazards.

In the early 50's it appeared again in Maine, presumably spreading from Quebec Province, and millions have been expended in the Canadian Province to control this insect. In 1954 the first spray program was tried in Maine and from '54 to '64 six major operations have been conducted. These have covered a total of one million one hundred and twenty-nine thousand acres at a cost of \$1,770,000. In all of these projects up-to-date the cost has been divided as follows: It has been one-fourth federal and the balance one half from Forestry District taxes and one half from the general funds of the State. This is the formula that has been previously used.

There have been two reasons for this method of distribution. Some of this sprayed forest land in all of these instances has been in the organized townships of the State or outside the forestry district where it was owned in many small holdings, where it would be difficult to assess or collect a fair share of the overall cost.

Another reason for this method of distribution is that in a catastrophe of this nature and size we might wonder, and it has always been felt, that it becomes a common problem. In other words, perhaps it is cheaper and better to join with your neighbor and help him put out the fire in his house before it spreads to yours. Now the same condition that applied in these first six programs apply in this instance, except that there is every reason to believe the federal participation at this time will be one third instead of the previous one quarter cost.

As I said earlier, I support the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee in this.

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

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** to H. P. 22, L. D. 43, Bill, "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Spruce Budworm Control."

Amend said Bill in the 16th line (13th in L. D. 43) by striking out the figure "\$80,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure "\$53,330"

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

#### **Passed to Be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act relating to Bridge Academy" (S. P. 65) (L. D. 109)

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)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Unauthorized Person from Driving a Motor Vehicle" (S. P. 134) (L. D. 262)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty in Prohibiting Dangerous Knives" (S. P. 160) (L. D. 331)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Borrowing Capacity of the Winter Harbor School District" (S. P. 161) (L. D. 332)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Borrowing Authority of the Gouldsboro School District" (S. P. 162) (L. D. 333)

Bill "An Act Permitting Waiver of Citizenship Requirement for Technical and Professional Personnel" (S. P. 165) (L. D. 336)

Bill "An Act relating to Tax Refunds by the State" (H. P. 386) (L. D. 533)

Bill "An Act relating to Sales Tax Exemption for Community Mental Health Facilities" (H. P. 388) (L. D. 535)

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 Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Bethel" (H. P. 198) (L. D. 287)

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Newport" (H. P. 418) (L. D. 600)

Resolve in favor of Oxford County for Snow Removal in Unorganized Territory (H. P. 140) (L. D. 204)

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

#### **Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act Authorizing Appointment of the Commissioner of Agriculture by the Legislature (S. P. 51) (L. D. 41)

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

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I don't think that I should be belaboring this document very much this morning, only to point out a few things that have occurred since this document has been before us and before the members of the other branch.

I think these few observations properly state the position of the loyal opposition in this House. Since this document has been before us I think that probably members of the other branch have come forth to members of the opposition saying that this document was a nonpartisan document. Obviously, it must be so or it might be so, although I fail to see where after the vote was recorded in the other branch that the vote outcome was 24 to 9. I fail to see where the opposition can justify a nonpartisan vote on this document. I think probably trying to go back to the archaic system of having the Legislature appoint a department head at this particular age of our government, is still going back in history as something that no other state in the country would like to go back to.

I am just wondering if, at the last gubernatorial election, if there would have been a change in the outcome if this bill would be before this Legislature at this date.

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

An Act Reclassifying Chandler Brook in Pownal (H. P. 114) (L. D. 141)

An Act Reclassifying Certain Inland Waters of the Meduxnekeag River Basin (H. P. 237) (L. D. 345)

An Act Reclassifying Certain Inland Waters of the Aroostook River Basin (H. P. 238) (L. D. 346)

An Act relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles by Blind Veterans (H. P. 647) (L. D. 833)

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 Number of and Compensation for Ballot Clerks During Recounts (H. P. 648) (L. D. 834)

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

(On motion of Mr. Hawes of Union, tabled pending enactment and tomorrow assigned.)

At this point, Speaker Kennedy returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER KENNEDY: The Chair thanks the gentleman and commends him for an excellent performance.

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

#### Orders of the Day

Mr. Gauthier of Sanford was granted unanimous consent to address the House

Mr. GAUTHIER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: At this time I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Sanford High School basketball team and its coach on their wonderful victory as Western Maine LL Champions, playing against Portland High School at the Portland Exposition Building in Portland last night.

I would also at this time like to congratulate Portland High School and its coach for the fine play and sportsmanship they displayed during this game.

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston presented the following Order out of order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that the Members of the House of Representatives of the 103rd Legislature hereby extend congratulations to Frank M. Drigotas, Jr., the present town manager of Medina, New York, and son of the Honorable Frank M. Drigotas of Auburn, Maine, who has distinguished himself in one

or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding and being selected for inclusion in the 1967 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America" and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House is hereby directed to send Mr. Drigotas an attested copy of this Order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am particularly proud this morning to present this order, in view of the fact that not only am I a colleague and neighbor of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Drigotas, but I am also a boyhood friend having graduated both from grammar school and high school with him in the same class. Consequently, I have been close to his family as he has been to mine over the years.

It was my pleasure to see this young man grow up and it was also my privilege on several occasions to say with both his father and mother that we could expect great things from him. I am certainly convinced now that he is well on his way, having started first in high school and Bowdoin College, not only as an outstanding athlete but also as an outstanding scholar, which is a rarity in itself.

Certainly I know that the members of this body congratulate my colleague and our colleague from Auburn, Mr. Drigotas, on his son's great achievements and for things to come. I move passage of the order. (Applause)

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

Mr. Binnette of Old Town was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BINNETTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of this House: I would like also at this time to take the opportunity to congratulate our Old Town High School basketball team and its coach, Mr. Don Sturgeon, on their great victory as champions of the Eastern Maine LL schools against Houlton High School at the Bangor Auditorium last evening. I also would at this time like to congratulate the Houlton High School and

their coach Mr. Spurling for the excellent sportsmanship and performance exhibited during this game. Thank you.

Mr. Nadeau of Sanford was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. NADEAU: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to extend my congratulations to Sanford High School as Western Maine basketball champions. This was achieved only by defeating Traip Academy, Bedford High School, and Portland High. We appreciated also the welcome signs as displayed by this Portland school at Portland Expo. Portland High is most ably coached by Mr. John Mcguire and they should be congratulated for their excellent play and sportsmanship.

On March 11 Sanford will invade Bangor for the State championship. Being a basketball official and not a betting man, I now extend an invitation to Representative Joe Binnette of Old Town to be my guest to a steak supper, only if Old Town should be victorious. Incidentally, Joe, I prefer my steak medium and large.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Citizenship Requirement for Municipal Assessors" (H. P. 37) (L. D. 57) In House, Minority Ought Not to Pass Report from Committee on Legal Affairs accepted February 9. — In Senate, Majority Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment "A" accepted and Bill Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence. (H-10)

Tabled — February 21, by Mr. Ross of Bath.

Pending — Further consideration.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: First, I would like to briefly trace the history of this bill up to its present position on our calendar today.

It came out of Committee with a divided report, six in favor of

the bill and four opposed. The bill was the first bill that was debated in this House. The Minority or "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted, but by a very small majority. It then went to the other body where they unanimously accepted the "Ought to pass" and that is why it is back to us in non-concurrence.

For the benefit of those who were not present during our debate on this subject, let me briefly review the proposal before us. The bill, as amended, states that tax assessors need not be citizens of the United States. The reason for this is simple. We do not have enough trained persons in this highly technical field to meet the demand and especially the needs for the future. However, the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton has offered excellent courses in appraisal work for many years. Consequently, just outside our borders in neighboring Canada are many qualified specialists. Some of these are willing to move a few miles south to accept employment in some of our Maine communities. Unfortunately, because of a technicality in the law, they are not able to do this.

Let me point out one salient feature which might have been overlooked in the previous discussion. Prior to 1957 assessors did not have to be citizens. At that time a general revision in the law affecting municipalities was enacted in an Omnibus Bill. There is no record that the Legislature intended to make this specific change, but the wording was taken from a Uniform Code. Because of this technicality, the Attorney General's office has now ruled that assessors must fall into this general category.

I would like to comment on several points made during the previous discussion. It was stated that this was a local situation affecting only the City of Bath. This is definitely not so although we did happen to be the first ones to find out about it. More and more cities and towns will run into the problem as more full time professional assessors are authorized. For example, there is now a bill coming out of the Taxa-

tion Committee which, for the first time, will let towns have full-time assessors and even join together with other towns to help defray the costs of qualified men. This is an excellent idea, but upon approval, they will find it most difficult to hire a well trained and competent person.

It was mentioned that they would have to be sworn to office and take certain oaths. As non-citizens, the question was raised whether the procedure would be valid or even constitutional. To me, this was the one cogent point. During the last two weeks I have had several lawyers in the Attorney General's Department check it out. In short, the law specifically provides that assessors and tax collectors "shall be duly sworn to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of their office." This would definitely not preclude a noncitizen.

It was mentioned that in many towns the selectmen serve as assessors, so this would relieve the citizenship requirement for selectmen. Certainly such a suggestion would never be proposed. This idea refers only to authorized, full-time assessors.

One opponent mentioned that he hadn't studied the bill, but if we were not training our people properly, we should never admit it by passing such legislation. I, for one, do not believe that we should ever close our eyes to a deficiency, but rather we should point it out. For instance, here is a field which should be explored very carefully by our institutions of higher learning. In the meantime, let's do everything possible to help solve the problem.

Finally, it was mentioned that no other city appeared at the public hearing. This back-up support was not deemed necessary since all these municipalities are represented by the Maine Municipal Association and this bill has their complete support. Although their Executive Secretary couldn't get there that day, it has been checked off each week on the list which they send to every Legislator. For instance, on the one that you got yesterday dated February 24, it is on page 8.

One of the most knowledgeable persons in the taxation field in the State of Maine is our State Tax Assessor, Mr. Ernest Johnson. Recognizing the long range need for such legislation he appeared at the hearing to give the proposal his wholehearted endorsement.

I noticed this morning on our calendar on page 9, item 8, this House passed to be engrossed a waiver of citizenship for technical and professional state employed persons. Perhaps later some member of the State Government Committee would care to comment on that.

However, all in all, it would appear that the merits of this bill should be given careful reconsideration and I now move that we recede and concur with the Senate in accepting the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, now moves that the House recede from its former action and concur with the Senate in accepting the "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mrs. Wheeler.

Mrs. WHEELER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Being a member of the Legal Affairs Committee and having voted with the majority, I rise in support of the sponsor, Mr. Ross of Bath. I have here an opinion from the Attorney General's Office which I would like to read and I quote: "Prior to 1957, tax assessors, who are municipal officers had only been required to be 'inhabitants' of the town in which they served.

"I can find no indication in the legislative record or in the notes of the draftsmen of the provision, indicating what the intent of the legislature was in requiring United States citizenship.

"It would be my best judgment that the requirement was a rather routine uniform provision which was inserted only because citizenship was assumed to be a general requirement.

"It is interesting to note however, that there had been no requirements of United States citizenship

for tax assessors in this state until 1957.

"Constitutionally, I can find no requirements that municipal officials be citizens of the United States. It is true that certain state officers must be U.S. citizens, for example, the Governor, members of the House of Representatives, members of the Governor's Council and electors.

"It is therefore safe to assume that there is no constitutional requirement requiring tax assessors to be citizens. On the other hand, there seems to be no reason available for the insertion of a requirement, in 1957, that tax assessors be United States citizens. In all probability the provision concerning citizenship was copied from some uniform provision available to draftsmen of the legislation."

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

Mr. HENNESSEY: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Sagadahoc Delegation, I believe in this bill, and I believe it will do one thing, it will be really upgrading our assessing in all of Sagadahoc County and I hope it receives passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, as a signer of the Minority Report, I wish to comment briefly. I feel no differently about this bill than I did a couple of weeks ago when it came before you, and it was mentioned that the Minority Report was adopted by a narrow margin. I believe the vote at that time was 75 in favor of the Minority and 56 not in favor of accepting the Minority Report.

I regard this as a chipping away of the standards which we have required of elected officials in our municipalities. It seems to me that if the assessors need especially trained people they may employ them as clerks. It doesn't seem to me that they need to be sworn in by other than the regular form by which we swear in other municipal officials, and when the vote is taken upon this motion, I request a division.

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

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Inasmuch as the reference was made this morning to item 8 on page 9 which was a bill that we passed to be engrossed, that came out of the Committee on State Government, I think this morning I would heartily agree with the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross. At least if I stand here I would like to be consistent.

We passed this bill out of State Government which refers to the employment of technical and professional people. It came out ought to pass, and I think that before the Committee it was definitely proven that the employment of these people were absolutely necessary, particularly in the mental hospitals as there was a shortage of trained professional and technical personnel.

Now frankly, I don't see that there is really any difference, whether they be professional and technical personnel or assessors; they are certainly needed in the various capacities, and this morning I truly hope that the motion made by the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, to recede and concur will have passage.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kingman Township, Mr. Starbird.

Mr. STARBIRD: Mr. Speaker, in the State Government Committee's unanimous report, I concurred with some misgivings. For one reason, the people that we were dealing with were merely hired, and in some of our small towns the assessors are an elected official, and I am wondering if we begin to allow waivers on citizenships of some elected officials if it will not go on to perhaps other offices, and then what essentially will be the real value of citizenship in the United States at all? I think I shall go along, as I did before, with the Minority Report on this bill because I don't think that we should extend this any further. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. SHAW: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have here the oath of office sworn by our municipal assessors, and it says in part, "I, appropriate name, "do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this State, so long as I shall continue as a citizen thereof. So help me God." Underneath it says, "Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 1." In the little books that were given us, in part under that it says, "Every person elected, appointed or commissioned to any judicial, executive, military or other office under this State, shall before he enter on the discharge of the duties of his place or office, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation." As far as our elected officials are concerned, I think they are clearly covered under this section and I hope this does not pass.

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

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Just in reference to the statement made by the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Shaw, I believe that the Attorney General's Office has clarified his statement, at least it is quite clear to me in my mind.

First of all, I think that in reference to Mr. Shaw's question or his statement, I believe that most elected assessors are generally also selectmen within the towns. It is perhaps under this law that they must be citizens of the Country.

Furthermore, I would like to go into a problem that confronted me as a member of the seasonal employment Study Committee under the last session of the Legislature, and I recall of us visiting the City of Presque Isle, and at that meeting there were numerous farmers there who confronted us with the problem of being able to hire Canadians for the purpose of helping them to harvest their products. Now it seems somewhat strange to me that we can look upon our good friends from the

north to come into our state to help us out when we are in a real serious problem with the harvest, and then when a town or a municipality has a problem of hiring a tax assessor, then all of a sudden we draw up some fence and put it around this sacred little office that we hold and say no, you can go into Aroostook County and pick our spuds and help cut our wood pulp and such but we can't have you entertaining any thought of working in our municipal offices. So this morning I heartily concur with the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, as I do with the Majority Report of the Committee and second the motion to recede and concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the Minority Report. I would like to point out with reference to people employed from out of state that they have a situation in Hancock County where the Black Hawk Mining Company of Canada has developed a mine, yet the Federal Government has prohibited the living in the State of Maine and the earning in the State of Maine of any Canadian miners, so the mine can't operate. If the Federal Government is going to prohibit this on miners, I think this perhaps should go even a little further with other people.

On the other hand I do think that there is nothing that prohibits the employment of these assessors if these various cities and towns want to employ them. I can't see the electing of an elected official and not taking the oath of office. It bothers me still.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Solon, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker, the thing that seems to bother most of us is this citizenship requirement as regards elected assessors. I wonder, and I would direct a question through the Chair to the sponsor, Mr. Ross, if this bill could be amended in such a manner that it would exclude elected assessors from this provision and would apply only to those appointed. This

would seem to let us have our cake and eat it too.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Solon, Mr. Hanson, poses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, who may answer if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, this bill refers to full-time assessors. Now I realize that some of the towns elect part-time assessors now, but up until the present time the towns don't have any right to have full-time assessors. I mentioned in my remarks that coming out of the Taxation Committee is a bill permitting towns to have full-time assessors, and those are the assessors I'm talking about. I certainly have no desire to have elected officials come from outside the State, just these full-time assessors who are like the technicians and professionals that were talked about before.

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

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I notice the bill reads, "In order to hold a municipal office the person must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State and at least twenty-one years of age." And now this bill proposes to except that of an assessor.

I think this is a dangerous bill. Next year they will want the selectmen exempted and then the next year they will want the County Commissioners and finally the Legislators and others, and so on until we find that we are not the land of Americans that we thought we were. So I believe the time to prevent this from getting started is now, and I would vote against the motion to recede and concur.

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

Mr. McMANN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Being from Bath, I have previously spoken on this bill. The only reason that Bath is trying to get this gentleman is because he is the top man recommended by Mr. Johnson



of the Tax Division of the State of Maine. In fact, they have no man in the State that they will recommend to take the job. Now if the State Tax Assessor and all his office, and they have been contacted on numerous occasions to try to get somebody to help the City after spending as I have previously stated \$55,000, and we have got to spend \$10,000 more to have two men stay there and train them, it's a shame that we must waste this money when we can have this man and as has been previously stated when they bring other technicians and trained personnel from outside the state, and I think we should pass the bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, that we recede from our former action and concur with the Senate in accepting the Majority "Ought to pass" Report on Bill "An Act relating to Citizenship Requirement for Municipal Assessors," L. D. 57. All those in favor of receding and concurring with the Senate will vote yes; those opposed will vote no, and the Chair will open the vote.

Thereupon, the members having voted, the Clerk took a total.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 60 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail, and the Bill was read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 37, L. D. 57, Bill, "An Act Relating to Citizenship Requirement for Municipal Assessors."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of 18th, 19th and 20th lines of the bill (17th, 18th and 19th in L. D.) and inserting in place thereof 'In order to hold a municipal office, a person must be a resident of the State and at least 21 years of age and, **except in the case of assessors, a citizen of the United States.**'

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

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

HOUSE REPORT—Ought not to Pass—Committee on Education, Bill "An Act Providing Subsidy to Driver Education" (H. P. 307) (L. D. 441)

Tabled—February 21, by Mr. Dunn of Denmark.

Pending—Acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Dunn of Denmark, retabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 7.

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

Resolve Providing for Purchase of Two Hundred Copies of "Pittsfield on the Seabasticook" (H. P. 25) (L. D. 46)

Tabled — February 23, by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

Pending — Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move for the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A" and would speak to my motion.

You will see from the title of this Resolve that it provides for the purchase of 200 copies of a book entitled "Pittsfield on the Seabasticook." This Resolve was heard before the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and got a unanimous "Ought to pass" Report, but it was reported out with this Committee Amendment "A" which reduced the number of copies from 200 to 100 and the amount of the appropriation asked for in the bill from \$1,000 to \$500.

Now in the Committee's considerations of this Resolve, they followed what I think we all have to recognize to be a reasonable course of action. They asked the people in the State Library to send out a questionnaire to the libraries around the State and ask for indications from the libraries around the State as to how many of these libraries would like copies of this book and other books which

I understand were listed in the same sheet and from the returns of this questionnaire the Committee came to the conclusion that 100 copies would be sufficient.

However, we who support this Resolve as it was originally written have learned that the questionnaire sent out from the State Librarian's office contained no description or evaluation of the book which we're concerned with here today. There was no way for the librarians to tell, when they read this questionnaire, whether the title represented a book which was perhaps an eight-page flimsy junk as we think of it, or whether it was a book which they truly would want in their library. Now we believe that this is the sort of a book which should have distribution — I have a copy of it here — it's 294 pages, has two hundred-odd illustrations. It was authored by a man whom I have known all my life who is eminently qualified to present such local history as this. I think it is very well written.

This morning we have had distributed around on your desks copies of the reviews which this book was given by the various newspapers around the State at the time of its release. I concur with the observations of these various reporters as to the quality of the book. We're hoping that this morning if you will support this motion for indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A," which would return the number of copies to 200 and the amount of appropriation to \$1,000, I think that such books as this contribute a lot to the culture of our State and to the lives of our people. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A." The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bethel, Mrs. Lincoln.

Mrs. LINCOLN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in support of Representative Susi's motion. L. D. 46 is my bill. You might ask, why a subsidy? Subsidizing local histories has been a state policy for years. Local history is really

grass-roots history and this contributes much value and data to the overall history of Maine. It also encourages writers to publish a local history.

At the moment, the State has embarked on a project to spend several million dollars for building a building to preserve Maine's history, and I feel that these local histories should be a part of this program.

You might ask, why 200 copies? 200 copies would really be a bare minimum because there are over 300 libraries in the State, and approximately 240 of them are on the mailing list of the State Library. Besides, 200 copies at \$5 a copy represents approximately twenty-five per cent of printing costs today which is about the same ratio that was used back in 1930.

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

Mr. DUNN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am one of those that believes there's a great deal of value in these local histories — I think there's a lot brought out in them that we don't get in other places, but each year there are several requests of this nature, and those of you who were here last year may remember that out of three or four books—requests of this sort—the Committee arrived at the figure of 50 copies on each one, and we stuck to that through the year.

As was remarked that the State Librarian did send out cards and received back between seventy and eighty requests for this. Now the committee felt, and still feels, that the hundred copies would be sufficient—that's the amendment, and I believe that this same idea will follow through. There are other books before us, other requests for purchases, and I think we'll probably follow through the same procedure; so we oppose the indefinite postponement of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, I think one other factor that entered into this in our discussion down in committee, was that last year one other very similar book and a very excellent one on a history of Madison, was purchased and there are still quite a few copies laying down in the library which the various libraries around through the state did not take advantage of getting these copies. I really don't know why because they are free to them and I have never been able to determine why they don't take advantage of them, because they are very excellent books. But, the State Librarian is faced with the position of having these books pile up on her and not having any demand for them, and this is why we try to limit the number that the State purchases.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi, that Committee Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor will say "yes." Those opposed will say "no."

A viva voce vote being taken, Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

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

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)

Tabled — February 23, by Mr. Beliveau of Rumford.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Beliveau of Rumford offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

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

Amend said Bill by inserting before the period in the Title (same in L. D. 307) the following words and punctuation: 'and Little Ellis Pond (Garland Pond), Byron, Oxford County'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line (same in L. D. 307) the following underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end the following (same in L. D. 307):

'Sec. 2. R.S., T. 38, § 243, additional. Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 243, to read as follows:

**243. Little Ellis Pond; use of power boats**

**No person, except officers empowered to enforce this subchapter, shall operate a motorboat having more than 10 horsepower on Little Ellis Pond (Garland Pond), Byron, Oxford County.'**

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

Mr. Richardson of Cumberland presented the following order out of Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the Legislatures of our country are charged with responsibilities of the highest order and are faced with the complex and pressing problems of our times; and

WHEREAS, the decisions and determinations made by our Legislature touch the lives of many and the welfare of all; and

WHEREAS, these Legislatures are called upon to resolve the many points of dispute in favor of the best interests of the people; and

WHEREAS, these same Legislatures are presently engaged in their own improvement; and

WHEREAS, our Legislatures have throughout this nation's history been in the forefront of efforts to improve this nation and have consistently sought to upgrade and heighten their collective contributions to American progress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the month of March be pro-

claimed NATIONAL LEGISLATURES MONTH, during which we urge all religious, civic and fraternal groups to undertake an examination of the legislative process with a view toward better understanding their State Legislatures, and we ask all press, radio and TV media to devote time and space to promoting a better under-

standing of representative government. (H. P. 821)

Thereupon, the Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.