

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Thursday, March 16, 1967

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. George W. Broadbent of Fairfield.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate****Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Providing for a State-wide Open Deer Season" (S. P. 81) (L. D. 162) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

**Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Establishing Classified Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses" (S. P. 133) (L. D. 261)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

**Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Conveyance of Reservation Lands for Penobscot Tribe of Indians" (S. P. 138) (L. D. 633)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Compensating Counsel for Indigents Accused of Crime" (S. P. 315) (L. D. 861)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Trial Terms of Superior Court in Penobscot County" (S. P. 337) (L. D. 870)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Liens and Certificate to be Filed with Register of Deeds" (S. P. 338) (L. D. 871)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Es-

tablishing a Master Mortgage Recording Act" (S. P. 363) (L. D. 959)

Report of the Committee on Labor reporting same on Bill, "An Act relating to Definition of Workshop under Labor Laws" (S. P. 217) (L. D. 480)

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Legislative Expenses when Legislature not in Session" (S. P. 119) (L. D. 248)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Authorizing the Attorney General to Convey a Certain Lot of Land in Bangor to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company" (S. P. 349) (L. D. 933)

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

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read twice, Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Religious Faith of Foster and Adoptive Homes" (S. P. 246) (L. D. 606) 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 by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Election Laws reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Straight Party Ballot in the Election Laws" (S. P. 1) (L. D. 4)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ANDERSON of Hancock

BERRY of Cumberland  
—of the Senate.

Messrs. HAWES of Union  
HENLEY of Norway  
HODGKINS of Greene  
JANNELLE

of Scarborough  
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. COUTURIER of Androscoggin  
—of the Senate.

Mrs. BOUDREAU of Portland

Messrs. BERNARD of Auburn  
BOURGOIN of Fort Kent  
—of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House: Reports were read.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House:

For years the Republican Party has been accused, and in my opinion falsely so, of being hard-shelled, moss backs unwilling to make progressive changes or sanction logical governmental reforms. To cite but a few cases in point — we sponsored the four year term for governor, the Minimum Wage Law, the Sinclair Bill, the Fair Housing Act, Workmen's Compensation Revisions, the present Industrial Safety Law and many others. Our Election Laws are definitely outmoded and this year under Governmental Reform we have several proposals before the Legislature. A special committee has even been appointed to assure that the most complicated of these receive prompt attention in this session rather than being further delayed.

Before us today is one of my oldest and closest L. D. friends. Ten years ago I sponsored one of the first bills to do away with the big box at the top of the ballot. Ever since that time I have espoused this cause. At one point during the last session, the legisla-

tion was passed by the House by a substantial majority. Unfortunately, a reconsideration action thwarted me the next day. Not only do I favor this principle, but I have suggested an even more progressive approach, the "office type ballot". This bill came out of committee with a split five to five report. It was tabled for a week and listed each day on our calendar. Tuesday we recommended it to await the fate of this proposal. Should this bill be enacted and signed by the Governor, I would then, with reluctance, withdraw the other.

My reasoning on both bills is the same. In my opinion, the people of Maine are too conscientious to cast an affirmative vote for any person they would not support individually. Of course this is what happens when, in the heat of political manifestations, a voter is convinced to disregard candidates and vote a straight ticket. Either of these bills would lead to more responsible voting and the opportunity for better qualified candidates to earn, on their own merits, the right to the office to which they aspire.

Albeit our whole political philosophy is based on the two party system, this alone should not let unqualified persons slide in on a big X. At the Hearing on the Elimination of the Big Box, the opposition stated that our reasoning was erroneous because we were trying to disenfranchise certain voters who were only capable of voting for the party alone.

The debate between the best informed and most intelligent way to vote is more academic than logical because certain factions on both sides are basically trying to influence voter patterns. Some states make it most difficult to split a ticket. Consequently, the top winners usually carry in the entire slate. This is considered most beneficial for party ideology and harmony. However, I for one, do not feel that this is responsible voting. Certain states which evidently place no trust in the intelligence of their electorate, have symbols rather than a big box at the top of the ticket. All you

have to do is to encircle the animal of your choice!

In summary, I maintain that straight ticket voting endangers the chances of an outstanding candidate in certain areas and often gives the opposition a blank check to install any number of inferior persons in public office. In Maine I feel that the people are too intelligent and independent to be tempted by hard-shelled party workers to be led blindly down the ballot by a single cross at the top of either column.

When the vote is taken I request it be taken by the yeas and nays.

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

Mr. CONLEY: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this bill be tabled pending the acceptance of either report until the 22nd day of March, next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Conley, now moves that this matter be tabled until Wednesday, March 22, pending the acceptance of either report.

Mr. Richardson of Cumberland asked for a division on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested on the tabling motion. All those in favor of the tabling motion will vote yes; those opposed, will vote no. The Chair will open the vote.

A vote of the House was had.

45 having voted in the affirmative and 88 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I would ask through the Chair that the gentleman from Bath read the first paragraph of his message to us this morning, please.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, requests that the former speaker from Bath, Mr. Ross, read the first paragraph of his presentation. The gentleman may do so if he so chooses.

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ROSS: I don't really so choose, but I will be delighted to do so.

"For years the Republican Party has been accused, and in my opinion falsely so, of being hard-shelled moss backs unwilling to make progressive changes or sanction logical government reforms. To cite but a few cases in point—we sponsored the four year term for governor, the Minimum Wage Law, the Sinclair Bill, the Fair Housing Act, Workmen's Compensation Revisions, the present Industrial Safety Law and many others. Our Election Laws are definitely outmoded and this year under Governmental Reform we have several proposals before the Legislature. A special committee has even been appointed to assure that the most complicated of these receive prompt attention in this session rather than being further delayed."

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

Mr. JALBERT: I would like to thank the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, my very, very, very dear friend. (Laughter) I was particularly interested in the first sentence. I cannot in good conscience let the remark go without comment concerning that first line. Now I want all the members here to understand that he's the one that's calling the Republicans moss backs. I never heard of such a thing in my life! I mean, I don't know how the hierarchy of the Republican Party will take such comments. Now wherein it concerns this bill, I also hear the comment "hard-shelled party workers." I would like to have this honorable House know that if you want to find out what a "hard-shelled party worker" is, and I commend him for it, just take a little trip to Bath around election time, particularly the week before the election, and he would make the gentleman — my very, very dear friend from Bath, Mr. Ross, would make a hard-shelled party worker look like an amateur, and again I'd say I commend him for it.

Insofar as this measure is concerned, it has been before us on several occasions, and I am one

of those that will admit that for political reasons I would like to retain the square. As an individual I would like to see the square removed—as an individual.

I was proven wrong even as an individual, and my individual thinking at the last election. Of course there are those who think that in 1964 that several of the members of the House and Senate and other County officeholders rode in on the coattails of President Johnson and Senator Muskie, and I know that the average clear-thinker doesn't entertain such a thought. I think these people were elected on their merit, and the record that this House set up during the 102nd Session when we were in command proved that point.

One thing that proved to me conclusively that my thinking party-wise and individually-wise was solid now, is the fact that in one area particularly in the state that happens to be a somewhat strong Republican area, as we have strong Democratic areas—but in this particular area, Governor Curtis and Congressman Hathaway carried both those areas, and a member — any friend of mine believe it — but this member who was elected on the Republican side, even though he is a very good friend of mine and I say this honestly — he made a statement, and he's allowed that conservative thinking, it is so conservative that in my opinion, and I tell him so, he would make Barry Goldwater look like a flaming liberal! And that's perfectly proper.

I might comment also that wherein it concerns the remarks of the special committee set up by the Governor to study the election laws, the Research Committee was given this report by this committee and after listening to the changes for half an hour, we decided unanimously that we would make no recommendations.

I therefore move the indefinite postponement of this measure and all of its accompanying papers.

The SPEAKER: The pending question now is the indefinite postponement of both reports and bill. Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It appears to me that there are only two real questions here. I think the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, has covered the groundwork amply with his presentation. I would make only two points, and that is that the removal of the straight party box would force the voters to become much more familiar with the candidates that they will be voting for than they have in the past under the three-ballot method of voting. It would promote a much more intelligent vote. No one party has all the good guys. I think that if the people were forced to vote on their candidates individually, that they would certainly exercise that privilege with much more care than they have in the past.

Each political party has the duty and obligation to present the very best slate of candidates that is possible under this method of voting. When you have a straight ballot and you can make one "X" and cast your ballot for the entire slate, it is necessary and incumbent only upon the Party to put a good man, a good solid man, at the top of the list of candidates. If the electorate must vote for these people individually, then it is incumbent upon the Party to make and offer the very best candidate possible for every office.

This measure is before us now for acceptance of the committee report and there will be ample opportunity for the good gentleman from Portland, Mr. Conley, to debate the thing further, and therefore I hope that the indefinite postponement motion will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belgrade, Mr. Sahagian.

Mr. SAHAGIAN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Most of you probably know that I was the unsuccessful sponsor of the same bill at the 101st and the 102nd Legislatures. I view this bill as a nonpartisan issue, and I would like to speak on this bill in the same way.

All of us here when we place our name before the public for elective office should have the opportunity of having the voter to vote on our ability to perform in office, regardless of what party we belong to. Every person that goes to the polls to cast his ballot should have the privilege and the responsibility of voting for each individual candidate by placing a mark opposite the name of a candidate of their choice, and I urge everyone in the House here to cast their vote in favor of this bill so that he can accord this opportunity to the people of Maine, and I hope that the indefinite postponement will not prevail. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Henley.

Mr. HENLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a Freshman legislator, I have hesitated to rise before, because I felt that there were so many here that knew more about issues than I.

I feel on this subject, inasmuch as I was one of the Committee members who talked for its passage, that it was really progressive legislation, and that it should not be purely a party issue. A good many people will say — it was good enough for our fathers — it is good enough for the political parties of bygone days. I wonder if we analyze the reason why the big square was placed at the top of the ballot, how many of us remember when probably fifty per cent of the voters had difficulty in reading in spite of our laws relative to American citizenship? There was a time when — in Lincoln's day, and since — when you had to have that sort of a ballot, that's the only way they could vote.

I feel that we are insulting the intelligence of the voter of today if we do not give him an opportunity to choose exactly who he'll vote for by name, and back up character, background, personality and ability. For that reason, regardless of partisanship, I urge the members of the House to vote against indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair rec-

ognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cottrell.

Mr. COTTRELL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: My conscience and nothing else gets me up here this morning because I know — I think I know, the outcome of this vote.

I am going to vote against the removal of the big box. Now I think this legislation is very desirable, but at this time in our history, I think it's impractical. Those who study the good points and the bad points of our elective system, knowing that it is not ideal, do not point a finger at the big ballot. The finger is pointed at lack of interest and personal responsibility, too frequent elections and the long ballot. I think many of us feel that what saves our democratic system in the United States, which holds the record of having the poorest voting record of any democracy in the world today, never I believe have we ever gotten more than sixty-five per cent of the eligible voters to vote in any of our major elections.

I think we feel that our Country is saved by the discriminative voter in both parties, and also the independent voter. I think we all agree that we must have a two-party system, and a strong two-party system. I think the ballot at the top gives the hard-core party people an opportunity to vote quickly and efficiently.

In Portland on major elections we have to stand an hour in line to cast our ballot, and so sometimes I think in working so hard for removal of the big ballot we're straining at the gnats and letting the camel go through.

Thank you for taking your time, and I am going to vote against removal of the big ballot.

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I shall be very brief this morning because I don't feel that this is particularly a partisan issue in the sense of the word of associating a name with a particular party. I think in this present day

and age the person has a choice. He has the choice of crossing over to one side of the ballot or to the other at his own discretion. That is a privilege that is extended to him that he may so do if he wishes. By the same token, the same individual if he chooses to go behind the curtain and place an "X" in one of the big squares on top of the ballot, he may do so. So it is my feeling that they have a choice presently, that they can use either one or the other, and I think in a two-party system this is very good. In view of the fact that our voting procedures in this state are somewhat inadequate to take an influx of heavy voting at any particular hour of the day, until such time as we can provide the different municipalities with somewhat of a better working system as far as voting, and that I am suggesting particularly the voting machines or a better system of getting the people to the polls and back home again. So my feeling is that they presently have a choice of either a party vote or a block vote, or by choosing one side of the ballot or the other. Thank you.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, I requested a roll call on the original motion. I now request that the vote on the indefinite postponement be taken by the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that both Reports and Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Straight Party Ballot in the Election Laws." Senate Paper 1, L. D. 4, be indefinitely postponed. For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All those desiring a roll call will vote yes, and those opposed to a roll call will vote no, and the Chair will open the vote.

125 voted in the affirmative and 8 voted in the negative.

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

tion is the indefinite postponement of both Reports and the Bill. All those in favor of indefinite postponement will vote yes; those opposed will vote no, and the Chair will open the vote.

### ROLL CALL

YEA — Bedard, Belanger, Beliveau, Bernard, Binnette, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Brennan, Buck, Burnham, Carey, Carrier, Carroll, Carswell, Champagne, Cote, Cottrell, Couture, Crommett, Curran, D'Alfonso, Danton, Dudley, Fecteau, Fraser, Gaudreau, Gauthier, Giroux, Harnois, Harvey, Healy, Hennessey, Hunter, Jalbert, Keyte, Lebel, Levesque, Lowery, Martin, Minkowsky, Nadeau, J. F. R.; Nadeau, N. L.; Rocheleau, Scribner, Starbird, Sullivan, Tanguay, Truman, Wheeler.

NAY — Allen, Baker, E. B.; Baker, R. E.; Benson, Berman, Birt, Bragdon, Brown, Bunker, Clark, Conley, Cookson, Cornell, Crockett, Crosby, Cushing, Darey, Dennett, Dickinson, Drummond, Dunn, Durgin, Edwards, Eustis, Evans, Ewer, Farrington, Foster, Fuller, Gill, Hall, Hanson, B. B.; Hanson, H. L.; Hanson, P. K.; Harriman, Hawes, Haynes, Henley, Hewes, Hichens, Hinds, Hodgkins, Hoover, Huber, Immonen, Jameson, Jannelle, Jewell, Kilroy, Kyes, Lewin, Lewis, Lincoln, Littlefield, Lycette, Maddox, McMann, McNally, Meisner, Millano, Mosher, Payson, Pendergast, Philbrook, Porter, Prince, Quimby, Quinn, Rackliff, Richardson, H. L.; Rideout, Robertson, Robinson, Ross, Roy, Sahagian, Scott, C. F.; Scott, G. W.; Shaw, Shute, Snowe, P.; Soulas, Susi, Thompson, Townsend, Trask, Waltz, Watts, White, Wight, Williams, Wood, The Speaker.

ABSENT—Bradstreet, Drigotas, Fortier, Humphrey, Noyes, Pike, Richardson, G. A.; Snow, P. J.

Yes, 49; No, 93; Absent, 8.

49 having voted in the affirmative and 93 having voted in the negative, with 8 absent, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

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



### Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

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

#### Claims

Resolve Reimbursing Mark Harrington of Phippsburg for Well Damage by Road Construction (H. P. 1069) (Presented by Mr. Harvey of Woolwich)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Retail Jewelers Association" (H. P. 1070) (Presented by Mr. Conley of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Meetings of Board of Veterinary Examiners" (H. P. 1071) (Presented by Mr. Hichens of Eliot)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Eliminating Town of Medway from Maine Forestry District" (H. P. 1072) (Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

On motion of Mr. Crockett of Freeport, it was

ORDERED, that Thursday, April 6, 1967, be designated as "Welcome Back Day" in the House of Representatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that all former Speakers of the House, all former Members of the House, and all former Officers of the House are hereby extended a cordial invitation to be guests of the House of Representatives of the 103rd Legislature in session on that date;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that each individual member of the present House be charged with the duty of urging all former House members from

his district to avail themselves of the opportunity of returning on "Welcome Back Day" to renew old established friendships;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that a Committee consisting of the Speaker and seven members of the House be instructed to further the plans for "Welcome Back Day."

The Speaker appointed the following Committee:

Messrs. HINDS of South Portland  
DENNETT of Kittery  
Mrs. BAKER of Orrington  
Mrs. LINCOLN of Bethel  
Messrs. BIRT of East Millinocket  
DANTON  
of Old Orchard Beach  
Mrs. WHEELER of Portland

On motion of Mr. Harriman of Hollis, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. John MacKerron of Hollis be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, April 11, 1967.

On motion of Mr. Meisner of Dover-Foxcroft, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Cushman Bryant of Dover-Foxcroft be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, April 18, 1967.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Wells, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. W. Vinton Murphy of Wells be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, April 4, 1967.

On motion of Mr. Burnham of Naples, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. William Gordon of Harrison be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, March 29, 1967.

On motion of Mr. Champagne of Fairfield, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. George W. Broadbent of Fairfield be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, March 16, 1967.

#### House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Hunter from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought

not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Use of the Chemical Compound Known as DDT" (H. P. 197) (L. D. 286)

Mr. Conley from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Aliens Employed in Lumber Operations to Possess Firearms" (H. P. 369) (L. D. 516) (**Later Reconsidered**)

Mr. Healy from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Regulation of Solid Waste Disposal" (H. P. 538) (L. D. 767)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Ought to Pass in New Draft New Draft Printed**

Mr. Scott of Wilton from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Licensing of Insurance Companies" (H. P. 572) (L. D. 803) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1073) (L. D. 1488) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

#### **Ought to Pass Printed Bills**

Mr. Fraser from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of George Hearin of Knox, Waldo County (H. P. 705) (L. D. 1000)

Mrs. Baker from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Contracts of Municipal Corporations with Nonprofit Hospital or Medical Service Organizations" (H. P. 277) (L. D. 397)

Same member from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Town of Woodland School District" (H. P. 479) (L. D. 692)

Mr. Beliveau from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Clarifying Certain Borrowing Provisions of the Charter of the City of Augusta" (H. P. 695) (L. D. 976)

Mr. D'Alfonso from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Commissioners of the Waterville Sewerage District" (H. P. 419) (L. D. 584)

Mr. Healy from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Northern Utilities, Inc." (H. P. 639) (L. D. 895)

Mrs. Lincoln from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Issuance of Notes by Clinton Water District" (H. P. 375) (L. D. 522)

Mr. Cottrell from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Tax on Insured Pension Plans Qualified under U. S. Internal Revenue Code" (H. P. 644) (L. D. 899)

Mr. Harriman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Poll Taxes Paid to Caswell Plantation" (H. P. 291) (L. D. 411)

Mr. Robinson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Property Tax Exemption for Sewage Disposal Facilities" (H. P. 252) (L. D. 360)

Mr. Ross from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption from Sales Tax of Governmental Agencies" (H. P. 289) (L. D. 409)

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

#### **Referred to Committee on Public Utilities**

Mr. Pike from the Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act Establishing the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority" (H. P. 535) (L. D. 770) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

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

#### **Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment**

Mr. Scott of Wilton from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Use of the Name Industrial Bank" (H. P. 467) (L. D. 680) 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. 467, L. D. 680, Bill,  
 "An Act Prohibiting Use of the  
 Name Industrial Bank."

Amend said Bill by striking out  
 all of section 8 (same in L. D.  
 680) and inserting in place thereof  
 the following sections:

'Sec. 8. R. S., T. 9, §2345, sub-§1,  
 amended. Subsection 1 of section  
 2345 of Title 9 of the Revised Stat-  
 utes is amended to read as follows:

**1. To borrow and lend money; maximum rate of interest.** To borrow money, to lend money and discount notes and bills of exchange, including trade acceptances, and to deduct interest thereon in advance at a rate no greater than 12% annually; and in addition to receive uniform weekly, semi-monthly or monthly installments on its certificates of indebtedness or deposit purchased by the borrower simultaneously with a loan transaction, or otherwise, and pledged with the corporation as security for the said loan, with or without an allowance of interest on such installment;

**Sec. 8-A. R. S., T. 9, §2345, sub-§2, repealed.** Subsection 2 of section 2345 of Title 9 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 11. R. S., T. 9, §2382, additional. Title 9 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2382, as follows:

§2382. Prohibition of use of name "industrial bank"

After the effective date of this Act, no person, firm or corporation shall use, hold itself out as being, or advertise with the name "industrial bank", except that industrial banks which were properly authorized and doing business on or before June 1, 1967 may use such name at and in connection with their principal office and any branches which were so authorized and doing business on or before said date and may continue to sell certificates of investment, either fixed or uncertain, and to receive payments in installments or otherwise, with or without an allowance of interest upon such install-

ment, if doing business in such certificates on or before said date.'

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

#### **Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Classify the Waters of First Pond (Billings Pond) in Blue Hill, Hancock County" (H. P. 638) (L. D. 894)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. SEWALL of Penobscot  
 FERGUSON of Oxford  
 VILES of Somerset  
 —of the Senate.

Messrs. PIKE of Lubec  
 BROWN of Augusta  
 Mrs. FULLER of York  
 Messrs. DICKINSON of Mars Hill  
 CURRAN of Bangor  
 —of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. EUSTIS of Dixfield  
 —of the House.

Reports were read.

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

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

Bill "An Act relating to Gasoline Distributors, Importers and Exporters" (S. P. 127) (L. D. 256)

Bill "An Act relating to School Administrative District's Borrowing for Investment Purposes" (S. P. 258) (L. D. 638)

Bill "An Act relating to Part-time Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 304) (L. D. 743)

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 Prohibiting Hunting Deer with Certain Firearms" (H. P. 31) (L. D. 51)

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

(On motion of Mr. Harvey of Woolwich, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, March 17.)

Bill "An Act relating to Muskrat Trapping Season in Franklin County" (H. P. 316) (L. D. 450)

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

Bill "An Act Regulating the Daily Limit of Certain Fish Taken from Inland Waters of the State" (H. P. 317) (L. D. 451)

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

Mr. Bourgoin of Fort Kent offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 317, L. D. 451, Bill, "An Act Regulating the Daily Limit of Certain Fish Taken from Inland Waters of the State."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following: 'No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 15 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the inland waters of Aroostook County except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960.'

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

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

Mr. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, this amendment adds to the bill, puts the bag limit back where it is now. The bill has cut the bag limit in Aroostook County as well as other areas and for this reason I must oppose it being a conservationist, and I hope I am in order today better than in the past, so I would move for indefinite postponement of this amendment.

The SPEAKER: The pending question now is the motion of the gentleman from Glenburn, Mr. Cookson, that House Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Bourgoin.

Mr. BOURGOIN: Mr. Speaker, after due consideration, this amendment is logical. I would say ninety-eight percent of the trout fishing in Aroostook County is from the natural reproduction. There are very few instances of hatchery stocking up in our northern section. We have to take trips that are extended anywhere from two to three days to get to waters where there are trout. All waters close to that you are able to get to in cars are mostly rough fish, and I would certainly wish that this indefinite postponement would not prevail.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Lycette.

Mr. LYCETTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a person who has been following that happy avocation of fishing for the last forty years, I have a few comments to make regarding this bill.

Up to a few years ago we could catch twenty-five fish, I don't remember the poundage, and then they reduced it to fifteen fish or seven and one-half pounds. In the meantime,—the license fee was 25 cents originally and then they kept increasing them. Last year I paid \$6.75 for a combination fishing and hunting license. I travel at various times fifty to sixty to seventy miles, I don't claim to be an expert, but I do some fly fishing, I believe I am an average fly fisherman, but out of those trips I brought fish home once; the other times my trip was for naught.

I feel that as far as Aroostook County is concerned, I have traveled it and fished a good many of the lakes and ponds as the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Bourgoin, knows, over Aroostook County, and there aren't many that I haven't been to, and I don't believe that there is dire necessity for cutting this limit below fifteen fish. I hope that this motion to in-

definitely postpone will not prevail.

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

Mr. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to add, if you folks were to come down in the Fish and Game hearings and hear these people come in and say that they have so many fish when they want the bag limit raised and on the next week come in and cry because they want more stocking done, you would see what we are up against. This is just a conservation measure. It has been lowered statewide and it's a unanimous committee report and I hope you will go along with the indefinite postponement and I would ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Bourgoin.

Mr. BOURGOIN: Mr. Speaker, if we did get some stocking in northern Aroostook or Aroostook as a whole I would certainly go along with the Committee's findings, but where we are just fishing for natural reproduction trout in our locality and have to go such an extent in distance and time, I would very much desire to have the amendment approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in opposition to the motion of the gentleman from Glenburn, Mr. Cookson. I am afraid I must agree with the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Bourgoin, that there is no need to lower the present limit in Aroostook County. To my knowledge, the Department of Inland Fish and Game did not say that the fishing presently being conducted in Aroostook was being hurt by the present limit. Therefore, I certainly hope that you defeat the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am from Penobscot County, but I am quite near Aroostook County; it is a

very large county, and I don't think we from Penobscot, Androscoggin, Kennebec and counties like that should try to get involved in fishing regulations in Aroostook County.

Now three very able men from Aroostook County, namely Representative Bourgoin who does a lot of fishing, and Representative Lycette who has told you that he has done a lot of fishing and these very able people, we hear they don't want these regulations changed in Aroostook County, and I hope that this House will go along with their wishes. I know that I would want you to if it was Penobscot County and I know you would want us to if it was your county. I hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone this amendment does not prevail.

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

Mr. SHUTE: Mr. Speaker, I was the sponsor of this bill at the request of fish and game people in Franklin County. They are also interested in conservation for the whole State of Maine. Aroostook County enjoys an advantage in the law as it now reads; the reduction for the rest of the State of Maine would reduce it from twelve to eight fish; for Aroostook County from fifteen to ten. This is a conservation measure and I would like to remind our good friends from Aroostook that during the hearing there were campowners and there were sportsmen from Aroostook County who were in favor of the reduction of the limit of fish in Aroostook as well as the rest of the State, and I am in favor of the indefinite postponement of this amendment.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Glenburn, Mr. Cookson, that House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Regulating the Daily Limit of Certain Fish Taken from Inland Waters of the State," L. D. 451 be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "A" will vote yes, those opposed will vote no. The Chair will open the vote.

A vote of the House was had.

68 having voted in the affirmative and 55 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Handling Insurance Papers by Those Who Loan on Property" (H. P. 470) (L. D. 683)

Bill "An Act relating to Parking Facilities for Handicapped Persons" (H. P. 1062) (L. D. 1388)

Bill "An Act relating to Exchange of Vehicles Between Dealers Under Sales Tax Law" (H. P. 1067) (L. D. 1468)

Bill "An Act Revising the Law Relating to School Buses" (H. P. 1068) (L. D. 1469)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Certain Waters in Tomhegan, T. 1, R. 2, Somerset County (H. P. 361) (L. D. 508)

Resolve Closing to Fishing that Portion of the Thoroughfare, So Called, Between Nesowadneunk (Sourdnahunk) Lake and Outlet Dam, Piscataquis County (H. P. 362) (L. D. 509)

Resolve Establishing Bag Limit of Trout on Little Nesowadneunk (Sourdnahunk) Lake, Piscataquis County (H. P. 503) (L. D. 716)

Resolve Regulating Fishing Wassookeag Lake, Penobscot County (H. P. 504) (L. D. 717)

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

#### Amended Bill Amended

Bill "An Act relating to Construction, Maintenance of Boat Facilities, Public Access and Marking the Waters" (H. P. 60) (L. D. 85)

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

On motion of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 15 whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 60, L. D. 85, Bill, "An Act Relating to Construction, Maintenance of Boat Facilities, Public Access and Marking the Waters."

Amend said Amendment by inserting after paragraph C of subsection 2 of that part designated "§321-A." the following subsections:

3. Control of fires. With approval of the Governor and Council, to establish and maintain adequate provisions for the prevention, suppression and control of fires within said facilities.

4. Lease and agreements with United States. With the consent of the Governor and Council, to negotiate and execute any lease or other agreement for the administration, maintenance, supervision, use and development of state boat facilities within the meaning of this chapter, acquired and owned by the Government of the United States, upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed advantageous to the people of this State and consistent with said chapter; and with like consent, to accept on behalf of the State, deeds of gift or other conveyances to lands or interests therein suitable for administration, maintenance, supervision, use and development as state boat facilities under this chapter. Such lands or interest therein, when so acquired, whether title thereto be in the United States or otherwise shall be and remain subject to administration, maintenance, supervision, use and development by said commission under this chapter during the terms of any such lease or agreement. With respect to lands or interest therein, included in any lands or interests therein acquired and owned by the Government of the United States and administered under this chapter the State of Maine shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the

United States in and over all such lands. Any civil and criminal process issuing under the authority of this State may be executed on said lands in the same manner and to the same effect as if the same were privately owned, and exclusive jurisdiction in and to said lands shall revert to the State of Maine when said lands shall cease to be owned by the United States. Such lands owned by the United States shall be exempt from all taxes and assessments so long as the same shall be the property of the United States.

5. Cooperate with federal agencies. To cooperate with federal agencies in the planning, development, maintenance and use of recreational areas; to assist state, county, and municipal agencies in the study and planning of their recreational areas and programs.

6. Federal funds. To accept and receive funds from the Federal Government for all purposes relating to activities under this chapter. The Treasurer of State shall be the appropriate fiscal officer to receive such federal funds. These federal funds will be credited to the Boat Facilities Fund to carry out the purposes of the chapter.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was adopted. Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

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**Passed to Be Enacted  
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Auburn Sewerage District (H. P. 568) (L. D. 800)

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. 133 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.

**Bond Issue**

An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge across the Androscoggin River Between the Cities of Auburn and Lewiston (H. P. 351) (L. D. 433)

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

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

Mr. DUNN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am not going to argue the merits of the bill for or against. I would merely like to call your attention to the fact we have in excess of \$117,000, 000 in bond issues requested. Now the priority you give them, the amount you want to send out to the public, that's up to you. I know how I feel on this, but I do think you should know this. Somewhere we have got to make a decision.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am merely going to comment on the fact that this bill had the support of the entire committee, it had the support of the other counties, and it is merely on its way to the Senate appropriations table like any other measure, including mine or Mr. Dunn's or anybody else until the waning moments of the session. I certainly hope that this bill has final enactment. This bill just calls for fair treatment for everybody else, including me and including Mr. Dunn, the gentleman from Denmark.

Thereupon, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 123 voted in favor of same and 6 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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**Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act to Revise the Teacher Certification Laws (S. P. 62) (L. D. 106)

An Act Repealing the Law Making Prescribing of Contraceptives a Crime (S. P. 266) (L. D. 647)

An Act relating to Breaking and Entering Mobile Home or House and Camp Trailers (S. P. 317) (L. D. 840)

An Act relating to Closed Season on Rabbits in Washington County (H. P. 62) (L. D. 87)

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)

An Act Including Importers in Stuffed Toy Law (H. P. 230) (L. D. 320)

An Act Revising the Maine Housing Authorities Act (H. P. 231) (L. D. 321)

An Act to Enlarge Powers and Purposes of Trustecs of Diocesan Funds in Episcopal Diocese of Maine (H. P. 234) (L. D. 342)

An Act relating to High School Equivalency Certificates (H. P. 308) (L. D. 442)

An Act relating to Notice of Authorization of Surety Companies to Registers of Probate by Insurance Commissioner (H. P. 471) (L. D. 684)

An Act Amending the Charter of Development Credit Corporation of Maine (H. P. 571) (L. D. 805)

#### Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Herbert Parsons of Gorham (H. P. 54) (L. D. 79)

Resolve in favor of Russell Meehan of Windham (H. P. 213) (L. D. 303)

Resolve to Reimburse Town of Sherman Mills for Overpayments to the Bangor State Hospital for the Care of Etta Conroy (H. P. 214) (L. D. 304)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves 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 relating to Use of Dealer Registration Plates" (H. P. 124) (L. D. 150)

Tabled — March 1, by Mr. Pendergast of Kennebunkport.

Pending—Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Crosby of Kennebunk, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 23.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Signatures on Petitions for Nomination for State and County Officers" (H. P. 313) (L. D. 447)

Tabled—March 1, by Mr. Dudley of Enfield.

Pending—Assignment for Third Reading.

Mr. Dudley of Enfield offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 313, L. D. 447, Bill "An Act Relating to Signatures on Petitions for Nomination for State and County Officers."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line (same in L. D. 447) the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

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

'Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 492, sub-§ 7, amended. Subsection 7 of section 494 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

7. Signatures restricted. A voter may sign only as many nomination petitions for each office as there are vacancies to be filled. The signing of a primary petition under section 445 does not prohibit a voter from signing a nomination petition.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 492, sub-§ 9, amended. Subsection 9 of section 492 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

9. Checked by registrar. A nomination petition must be sub-



mitted to the registrar of each municipality concerned before being filed. The registrar shall certify forthwith on the petition which signatures on it are those of **unenrolled** voters of that municipality.'

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland, tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 22.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Legal Size of Salmon Taken from Green Lake and Alligator Lake, Hancock County" (S. P. 108) (L. D. 179) (In Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A") (S-6)

Tabled—March 1, by Mr. Robertson of Brewer.

Pending—Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

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

**HOUSE REPORT** — Ought to Pass in New Draft — Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Unreasonable Noise in Operating Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 13) (L. D. 25) — New Draft (H. P. 1061) (L. D. 1387)

Tabled — March 14, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Acceptance.

Thereupon, the "Ought to pass" in New Draft Report was accepted, the New Draft read twice and tomorrow assigned.

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

**HOUSE MAJORITY REPORT** (6) — Ought to Pass in New Draft — Committee on State Government on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Senators to Four Year Terms (H. P. 43) (L.

D. 62) — New Draft (H. P. 1063) (L. D. 1399) Minority Report (4)—Ought not to pass.

Tabled — March 14, by Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township.

Pending — Acceptance of either report.

On motion of Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township, the Majority "Ought to pass" in New Draft Report was accepted, the New Draft read once and tomorrow assigned.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Audits for Judiciary and Legislature" (S. P. 71) (L. D. 153) (In Senate, passed to be engrossed)

Tabled — March 15, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-73)

On motion of Mr. Dennett of Kittery, retabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 22.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider item 2 on page 3, Bill "An Act Prohibiting Aliens Employed in Lumber Operations to Possess Firearms," House Paper 369, L. D. 516, where the House accepted the Committee Report "Ought not to pass."

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, now moves that we reconsider our action whereby the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted this morning. Is it the pleasure of the House to reconsider?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, I would request a division on the reconsideration motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I feel that the House and the members of the Committee on Legal Affairs that heard the bill should

have some information which I have, and I feel that I can possibly do it today if they so desire. For this reason, I made the motion to reconsider so that I could table for one day until I could get to that committee.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake to reconsider and tomorrow assigned.

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

Mr. HICHENS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: There arose a problem yesterday afternoon which I believe should be brought to the attention of this body.

A circumstance which could have been corrected and was not, but can be corrected in the future, happened at one of the hearings. At this hearing there were several people who were forced to stand in crowded conditions and the air became very stifling; there were about thirty people out in the hall who could not get into the hearing. And as I have done in the past and perhaps shall do in the future, I stuck my nose into something which perhaps was none of my business. I scurried around the office building and found a room which had a seating capacity

for about one hundred and fifty people which was not occupied. I discovered that a committee of six members were to hold an executive meeting in that room. I contacted some of that committee and they not only were willing to change rooms, but followed me up to the room where the hearing was being held. I went in and asked one of the members of that committee if they would change the room. He in turn spoke to another member of the committee and he said, well, this seat I am sitting in is very comfortable; I think I would like to stay here. As a result, the hearing was held in that room for over an hour and several people had to get up and go out into the hall for some fresh air and others left because they could not get into the room.

I feel that this situation was very unfortunate. People came from various parts of the State, the people whom we serve, and I believe the comforts of the legislators should be sacrificed sometimes for the people whom we are here to represent. I thank you.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.