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SENATE

Thursday, March 2, 1967

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Paul F. Keirstead of Gardiner.

Reading of Journal of yesterday.

On motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis, out of order and under suspension of the rules,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 7, at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 490)

Which was read and passed, and sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

Papers from the House
Non-concurrent matters

Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Certificates for Mechanics in Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations. (H. P. 173) (L. D. 236)

In Senate, Feb. 23, passed to be engrossed as Amended by House Amendments "A" and "B" in concurrence.

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-14), by House Amendment "B" (H-16) and by House Amendment "A" (H-40) thereto, in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook tabled pending further consideration.

Bill "An Act Relating to Number of and Compensation for Ballot Clerks During Recounts." (H. P. 648) (L. D. 834)

In Senate, Feb. 22, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Comes from the House, Engrossing Reconsidered, passed to be engrossed As Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-39) in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Anderson of Hancock, the Senate voted to recede and concur with the House.

Bill "An Act Relating to Citizenship Requirement for Municipal Assessors." (Emergency) (H. P. 37) (L. D. 57)

In Senate, February 16, passed to be engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10) in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10) as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-35) thereto, in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Good of Cumberland, the Senate voted to recede and concur with the House.

Bill "An Act Relating to Local Option Questions on Sale of Liquor." (S. P. 218) (L. D. 481)

In Senate, Feb. 23, passed to be engrossed.

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-36) in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to recede and concur with the House.

Bill "An Act to Clarify State Aid for School Construction Purposes and Borrowing in Anticipation Thereof. (S. P. 63) (L. D. 107)

In Senate, February 9, passed to be engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2) and House Amendment "A" (H-38) in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, tabled pending further consideration.

Joint Resolution

WHEREAS, the United States of America has been confronted by grave challenges to the freedom of mankind in Viet Nam; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Charles Earle Crafts of North Jay, Maine, was assigned to Viet Nam in the service of his State and Country; and

WHEREAS, Private Crafts fell into the hands of the Viet Cong while in the line of duty during a military patrol in December, 1964; and

WHEREAS, Private Crafts was presumed to be missing in action and the absence of communication and fear of the unknown during the two years of captivity gave

cause for grave concern to his parents and to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, final word did not come until February 23, 1967, that the Viet Cong had released two prisoners as a Lunar New Year gesture sixteen days earlier, and that Private Crafts and a companion had safely reached American lines; now, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED: that the members of the 103rd Maine State Legislature are grateful for the safety and well-being of Charles Earle Crafts and share in these moments of rejoicing with his parents upon the return of one of Maine's brave soldiers; and be it further

RESOLVED; that a copy of this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be sent to Private First Class Charles Earle Crafts. (H. P. 867)

Comes from the House read and adopted.

Which was read and adopted in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to the Reformatories for Men and Women." (H. P. 742) (L. D. 1121)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

Which was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Falmouth." (H. P. 760) (L. D. 1107)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Board of Trustees of Brunswick Sewer District." (H. P. 761) (L. D. 1108)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Authorization to Borrow Money by Brunswick Sewer District." (H. P. 762) (L. D. 1109)

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Coastal Marshlands." (H. P. 763) (L. D. 1110)

Bill "An Act to Restrict Purse Seining Near Certain Stop Seines." (Emergency) (H. P. 764) (L. D. 1111)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Which were referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of State Personnel Board." (H. P. 765) (L. D. 1112)

Bill "An Act Continuing Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women." (Emergency) (H. P. 766) L. D. 1113)

Resolve "Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Sheriff to Four-Year Terms." H. P. 767) (L. D. 1114)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on State Government.

Which were referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Refund for Malt Liquor Excise Taxes." (H. P. 768) (L. D. 1115)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Credit Against Sales and Use Tax on Industrial Machinery and Equipment." (H. P. 769) (L. D. 1116)

Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption from Sales Tax on Materials Used in Repairs of Transient Boats Owned by Non-residents." (H. P. 770) (L. D. 1117)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Which were referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Nonlapsing Funds for Land in Town of Wells for Park Purposes." (H. P. 771) (L. D. 1118)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers of Franklin County." (H. P. 772) (L. D. 1119)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Trucking of Livestock." (H. P. 773) (L. D. 1120)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Transportation.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, tabled pending reference to a committee.

Senate Papers

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Berry of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act to Authorize Bond Issue of Nine Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars for Library Needs at the University of Maine and the State Colleges." (S. P. 492)

Mr. Boisvert of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Coordinator of Collections in Office of Treasurer of State." (S. P. 493)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented Resolve "To Reimburse Town of Vanceboro for Aid Extended William Gardner." (S. P. 494)

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Sagadahoc, tabled pending reference to a committee.

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

Mr. Katz of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Higher Education Development Authority." (S. P. 495)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Creating the University of the State of Maine." (S. P. 496)

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, 3000 copies of this bill were ordered printed.

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Public Higher Education." (S. P. 497)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Public Policy on Higher Education." (S. P. 498)

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, 3000 copies of this bill were ordered printed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Education and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Election Laws

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented Bill "An Act Relating to Acknowledgement of Absentee Ballot by Voter Outside of State." (S. P. 499)

Which was referred to the Committee on Election Laws and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Industrial and Recreational Development

Mr. Berry of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act to Preserve and Enhance Scenic Values in the State of Maine." (S. P. 500)

Mr. Curtis of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Creating a State Park Wildlife and Conservation Area Along Penobscot River Lying Between Old Town Dam and Howland Dam." (S. P. 501)

Which were referred to the Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Viles of Somerset presented Bill "An Act Increasing Fish and Game License Fees for Forestry District Fund." (S. P. 502)

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Hildreth of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to Dividends and Stock Held by Unknown Stockholders." (S. P. 503)

Mr. Stern of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to Pecuniary Injuries in Actions for Injuries Causing Death of a Minor." (S. P. 504)

Which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Labor

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented Bill "An Act Relating to Minimum Amount of Benefits Under Employment Security Law." (S. P. 505)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Mr. Hildreth of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act to Create the Wildlands Use Regulation Commission." (S. P. 506)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act to Regulate the Alteration of Wetlands." (S. P. 507)

Which were referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

State Government

Mr. Katz of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of the Adjutant General." (S. P. 508)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Director of Legislative Research and Legislative Finance Officer." (S. P. 509)

Mr. Harding of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by Municipal Tax Officers." (S. P. 510)

Mr. Ross of Piscataquis presented Bill "An Act Creating the Pest Control Compact." (S. P. 511)

Mr. MacLeod of Penobscot presented Resolve "Proposing a n Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Direct Initiative to Amend the Constitution." (S. P. 512)

Which were referred to the Committee on State Government and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented Bill "An Act Relating to Reimbursing Municipalities by

State for Property Tax Exemptions of Veterans." (S. P. 513)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Mr. Ferguson of Oxford presented Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Exceeding Appropriation for Economic and Recreational Development in Oxford County." (S. P. 514)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Failure to Send County Estimates to Municipalities." (S. P. 515)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented Bill "An Act Providing Funds for Washington County Development Authority." (S. P. 516)

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports

House

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Resolve "Authorizing the Building of a Private Road Across Portion of Cobbosseecontee Lake, Kennebec County." (H. P. 255) (L. D. 363)

Reported that the Same Ought not to Pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Spearing Suckers in Rivers, Streams and Brooks." (H. P. 145) (L. D. 209)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws Related to Sea and Shore Fisheries. (H. P. 242) (L. D. 351)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Young of Hancock, tabled pending acceptance of Committee report.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries 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)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Relating to Legislative Apportionment for Cranberry Isles, Hancock County." (H. P. 285) (L. D. 405)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Establishing American History Month in Maine." (H. P. 160) (L. D. 223)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Enable Municipalities to Provide Funds for Community Action Programs Under the Federal Anti-Poverty Program." (Emergency) (H. P. 430) (L. D. 594)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass

Comes from the House report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once.

Mr. RENY of York: Mr. President, in regard to Item 6-7, L. D. 594, under suspension of the rules, I move this be given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Bill was tabled until later in today's session.

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

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs 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)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House report Read and Accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Testimonials for Marking Unmarked Graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers." (H. P. 127) (L. D. 191)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Ought to Pass -
Indefinitely Postponed**

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Providing a Fire Chief for the Dover and Foxcroft Water District." (H. P. 78) (L. D. 103)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, report and Bill Indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Lund of Kennebec the Bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Ought to Pass - As Amended

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve "Providing for Purchase of Two Hundred Copies of "Pittsfield on the Sebasticook." (H. P. 25) (L. D. 46)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)

Comes from the House, Committee Amendment Postponed, and the Resolve Passed to be Engrossed.

Mr. Berry of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move acceptance of the Committee Report.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Resolve was tabled until later in today's session pending acceptance of the Committee report.

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 that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)

Comes from the House report read and accepted and the Bill Passed to be engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Senate
Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Snow for the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Reimbursement for

Professional Educational Credits." (S. P. 211) (L. D. 474)

Reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

In the Senate: Leave to withdraw report of the Committee was accepted in concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Katz for the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Approval of School Building Plans." (S. P. 61) (L. D. 74)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

On motion by Mrs. Sproul of Lincoln, the Bill was tabled pending acceptance of the Committee report.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Snow for the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Reimbursement for Additional Professional Work by Teachers." (S. P. 210) (L. D. 473)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Farley for the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Statutes Relating to Single Assessors." (S. P. 123) (L. D. 252)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft, under Same Title (S. P. 491) (L. D. 1153)

Which report was read and accepted and the Bill, in New Draft, read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Second Readers

House

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)

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

House - As Amended

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

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

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

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed, As Amended, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Revise the Electricians' Law." (H. P. 4) (L. D. 8)

Which was read a second time.

On motion by Senator Stern of Penobscot, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment "A". On Further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed. On further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A". The same Senator then offered Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its adoption. Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Secretary as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 4, L. D. 8, Bill "An Act to Revise the Electricians Law."

Amend said Amendment in the 24th line by striking out the underlined words "Shall be final and"

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and Committee Amendment "A" as amended by Senate Amendment "A" thereto was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed.

Senate

Resolve "Designating Dresser-Farwell Mountain in Oxford County." (S. P. 306) (L. D. 745)

Bill "An Act to Include Viet Nam Veterans in Veteran Benefit Programs." (S. P. 186) (L. D. 376)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate - As Amended

Bill "An Act Relating to Licensing of Premises for Dancing Purposes." (S. P. 83) (L. D. 164)

Which was read a second time and Passed to be engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

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

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Bill was placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.

Bill "An Act Relating to Payments to Maine Forestry District by Baxter State Park Authority and Indian Township Improvement Fund." (H. P. 162) (L. D. 225)

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Bill was placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.

Bill "An Act Relating to Assessments Under Gasoline Tax Act." (H. P. 204) (L. D. 293)

Bill "An Act Relating to Allocations from Gasoline Tax for Public Facilities for Boats and to Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries." (H. P. 205) (L. D. 294)

Bill "An Act Relating to Labeling of Margarine." (H. P. 256) (L. D. 377)

Bill "An Act Relating to Distribution of Stipend Fund to Harness Racing Track." (H. P. 257) (L. D. 378)

Which were Passed to be Enacted and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Resolve "Changing Name of Muddy River Pond to Sebago Cove." (H. P. 48) (L. D. 67)

Which was finally passed, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

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

This Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

Bill "An Act Imposing a Tax on the Unorganized Territory Within the Maine Forestry District for Spruce Budworm Control." (H. P. 44) (L. D. 63)

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington tabled pending enactment.

Bill "An Act Increasing Maine Forestry District Taxes." (H. P. 45) (L. D. 64)

This Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement Allowances of Persons Who Become Legislative Employees or Legislators." (H. P. 156) (L. D. 219)

This Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill "An Act to Authorize and Direct the Relocation of a Certain Water Tower of the York Water District." (H. P. 685) (L. D. 860)

This Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Item 1-5, Bill, "An Act to Clarify State Aid for School Construction Purposes and Borrowing in Anticipation Thereof," (S. P. 63) (L. D. 107) which was tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session; and on further motion by the same Senator the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. The same Senator then moved adoption of House Amendment "A". House Amendment "A" (H-38) was read by the Secretary and adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table Item 6-7, Ought to Pass Report from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act to Enable Municipalities to Provide Funds for Community Action Programs Under the Federal Anti-Poverty Program," (Emergency) (H. P. 430) (L. D. 594) which was tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session.

Mr. RENY of York: Mr. President, having had my hands slapped, I will withdraw my previous motion.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from York, Senator Reny, requests permission to withdraw his motion. Does the Chair hear objection? The Chair hears no objection and the motion is withdrawn.

The bill was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table Item 6-12, Ought to Pass As Amended Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve, Providing for Purchase of Two Hundred Copies of "Pittsfield on the Sebasticook" reporting that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25), which was tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session. The same Senator moved indefinite

postponement of Committee Amendment "A".

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President, a word of explanation, I believe, is in order, and these comments will apply to such other items as are presented to the Legislature making provision for printing of local histories.

Your Appropriations Committee believes that it would be advisable to circulate to various libraries and repositories for books in the State by postcard to determine those who would like to receive free copies of these various reports. In the past, it has been the custom to order a flat figure like 100 or 200 or 300, such decision frequently reflecting the political interests or influence of the sponsor of the document. It was found, in connection with this particular history, that 68 libraries wished to receive free copies. It does not seem in order to ask the State Library to hold indefinitely in their storage facilities too many copies of such an item. I do not think we are talking about too much money, but it would be a waste of money, obviously. Accordingly, on the matter of this history and all future ones, the Appropriations Committee, if it turns out a favorable report, will recommend the purchase of a reasonable number of histories. Accordingly, I would hope that you would vote against my good friend, Senator Johnson, and we will see whose wrist gets slapped.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate: If I understand correctly, 67 copies of this have been requested by libraries. In the past, the State Librarian has sent out lists of books available in many forms, and they have no evaluation of the book or what it is, I believe it is merely a title to a book.

Now we have a problem in developing young writers in this State who would write about many areas in this State that have great historical significance for the students in our schools. We have 325 libraries in this State, and it would seem to me that regardless of the storage space in August-

ta, if the full amount printed was not requested, that all of these libraries should have copies of a book of this type.

One of the best arguments I can give the gentleman from Cumberland is this: A few years back 200 copies of a History of the Town of Madison were printed, and of course the Librarian sent out just so many and the rest were put in storage. The other day a representative from Madison went to the library and asked for a copy and there were three left. Over what period of time this is, I am not sure. Now we had a man in our county who wrote this book, it took two years out of his life, he has received a great deal of encouragement, and probably now, for the first time, has received a little bit of discouragement. I believe he would be very happy to see these hundred copies printed. On the other hand, I believe his request for two hundred, knowing that it should be in three hundred libraries in this State —

I think that two hundred copies should be available to our libraries.

I am not sure whether some people consider this a subsidy to these writers or not, but I do know that they make nothing compared to the time and the effort that they spend on them, and when we consider all of the other books that our children are reading — I am up to Page 68 in this book now and I wish I had more time to sit down and read it. It is very interesting. It is not in my back-yard exactly, but it deals with several areas adjacent to this town; it bring out personalities that I never knew existed. I found out the hardships that some of our forefathers in this State went through. I realize the difference is \$500, and I appreciate the position of the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, but I feel we have orders going through here which actually, in the long run, do a great deal less to educate our children and help them, and I feel that, even if there are other bills in committees and they should be cut perhaps, I think we should give them a fair chance to come up with a reasonable figure, and in this

case I feel that 200 copies is a reasonable figure.

I would request a division when the vote is taken.

Mr. GOOD of Cumberland: I believe the pending question is the acceptance of the committee report?

The PRESIDENT: That is correct.

Mr. GOOD; And therefore a motion to accept the amendment would not be in order?

The PRESIDENT: It will be put before the body on acceptance of the report.

Thereupon the Ought to Pass as Amended report of the Committee was accepted and the bill was given its first reading. Committee Amendment A (H-25) was read by the Secretary.

The same Senator now moves that Committee Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed and requests that when the vote is taken it be by division.

As many as are in favor of the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment A will

please rise and stand in their places until counted; those opposed.

14 having voted in the affirmative and 17 in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail. Thereupon the Senate voted to adopt Committee Amendment "A" and the bill was assigned for second reading on the next legislative day.

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, the Senate voted to take from the table the 14th tabled and unassigned matter, (S. P. 488) Bill, "An Act Regulating Snow Traveling Vehicles," which was tabled by that Senator on March 1 pending reference. On further motion by the same Senator, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent down for concurrence.

The Adjournment order having been received from the House, on motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis, Adjourned until Tuesday, March 7th at ten o'clock in the morning.