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SENATE

Thursday, March 9, 1967

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Herbert R. Houghton of Orono.

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 14, at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 574)

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

Papers from the House

Non-concurrent matter

Bill "An Act Regulating Snow Traveling Vehicles." (S. P. 488) (L. D. 1211)

In Senate, March 2, referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Comes from the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

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

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will now ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, who will act as President pro tem for some portion of today's session.

Senator Berry was escorted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the rostrum amid the applause of the Senate, the President retiring.

Joint Order

WHEREAS, legislative drafting is an integral and indispensable part of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, this function has been effectively and efficiently discharged by the office of Legislative Research since its organization; and

WHEREAS, the cheerful cooperation with which such professional assistance is rendered constitutes

an example of the qualities which have characterized the Maine Legislature as one of the most effectively organized in the country; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the gratitude and deep respect of the Members of the 103rd Legislature be extended to Samuel H. Slosberg, Esq., of Gardiner, who as Director of Legislative Research, has faithfully, honorably, discreetly and courteously provided the highest kind of professionalism in rendering these services since 1944; and be it further

ORDERED, that special appreciation be given for the enthusiasm helpful and cheerful cooperation of David S. Silsby, Assistant Director and the office staff of the Director—Mrs. Ella G. Andrews, Mrs. Dorothy C. Berry, Mrs. Bernice M. Lee, Mrs. Anne Murphy and Mrs. Sheila L. Vanderford; and be it further

ORDERED, that a copy of this order signed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate and duly attested by the Secretary of the Senate be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of the Senate to the aforementioned persons.

(H. P. 1056)

Comes from the House read and passed.

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill "An Act Relating to Law Clerks for the Judiciary." (H. P. 929) (L. D. 1345)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds for Classroom Building at Erskine Academy." (H. P. 930) (L. D. 1346)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Additional Staff Within Eye Care and Special Services Division, Department of Health and Welfare." (H. P. 931) (L. D. 1347)

Bill "An Act Providing for Salary Increases for Certain Classified State Employees." (H. P. 932) (L. D. 1348)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Unity Institute." (H. P. 934) (L. D. 1350)

Bill "An Act Relating to a Student Tour of the Maine State Prison under the Supervision of the Commissioner of Education." (H. P. 933) (L. D. 1349)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Education.

Which were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Qualifications of Superintendents at the State Hospitals for the Mentally Ill." (H. P. 935) (L. D. 1351)

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.

Resolve "Allocating Money to Rebuild Fish Screen at Outlet of China Lake." (H. P. 936) (L. D. 1352)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Defining Certain Vessels as an Industrial Project under the Industrial Building Authority." (H. P. 899) (L. D. 1312)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Hildreth of Cumberland, the Bill was tabled pending reference.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Right of Review in Workmen's Compensation Matters." (H. P. 900) (L. D. 1313)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Labor.

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Lien for Hospital Services on

Recoveries from Third Persons." (H. P. 901) (L. D. 1314)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Augusta Civil Service Commission." (H. P. 904) (L. D. 1315)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sprinkler Systems in Boarding Homes." (H. P. 905) (L. D. 1316)

Bill "An Act Amending the Portland Renewal Authority Law." (H. P. 907) (L. D. 1317)

Come 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 Sunday Sale of Liquor." (H. P. 908) (L. D. 1318)

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Sales to or Permitting Consumption by Minors of Liquor." (H. P. 909) (L. D. 1319)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

Which were referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Survey of Private Sewage Disposal Systems by Department of Health and Welfare." (H. P. 910) (L. D. 1320)

Bill "An Act Relating to Differential Use of Coastal Flats, Marshes, Meadows and Swamps." (H. P. 911) (L. D. 1321)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Which were referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Source of Supply of the Brewer Water District." (H. P. 912) (L. D. 1322)

Bill "An Act to Create the Orrington Water District." (H. P. 913) (L. D. 1336)

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

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

Resolve, Increasing Retirement Benefit of Charles S. Hulbert of Shin Pond." (H. P. 914) (L. D. 1323)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Which was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Director of Legislative Research." (H. P. 915) (L. D. 1324)

Bill "An Act Relating to Legislative Research Committee Printing." (H. P. 916) (L. D. 1325)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of Employment Security Commission." (H. P. 917) (L. D. 1326)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Organization of the Department of Health and Welfare." (H. P. 918) (L. D. 1327)

Resolve "Authorizing Conveyance of State Land and Easement to the City of Portland for the Portland Municipal Airport." (H. P. 919) (L. D. 1328)

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 Establishing an Excise Tax on Livestock." (H. P. 1329)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Recess Committee to Study the Feasibility for a Severance Tax on Timber Products." (H. P. 921) (L. D. 1330)

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 Referendum for Ordinances and Orders in City of Saco." (H. P. 922) (L. D. 1331)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Registers of Deeds and Register of Probate in Oxford County." (H. P. 923) (L. D. 1332)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Register of Probate of York County." (H. P. 924) (L. D. 1333)

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 Quality of Inspection Stickers for Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 926) (L. D. 1334)

Bill "An Act Relating to Windshield Wipers on Motor Vehicles." Come from the House referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Which were referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Senate Papers

Mr. Snow of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Creating a Department of Transportation." (S. P. 562)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports

House

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Easton." (H. P. 133) (L. D. 197)

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 Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Relating to Notice of Authorization of Surety Companies to Registers of Probate by Insurance Commissioner." (H. P. 471) (L. D. 684)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Development Credit Corporation of Maine." (H. P. 571) (L. D. 805)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

The Committee on Claims on Resolve "In Favor of Herbert Parsons of Gorham." (H. P. 54) (L. D. 79)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Resolve Passed to be engrossed.

The Committee on Claims on Resolve "In Favor of Russell Meehan of Windham." (H. P. 213) (L. D. 303)

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Resolve Passed to be engrossed.

The Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Town of Sherman Mills for Overpayment to the Bangor State Hospital for the Care of Etta Conroy." (H. P. 214) (L. D. 304)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Including Importers in Stuffed Toy Law." (H. P. 230) (L. D. 320)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Revising the Maine Housing Authorities Act." (H. P. 231) (L. D. 321)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Enlarge Powers and Purposes of Trustees of Diocesan Funds in Episcopal Diocese of Maine." (H. P. 234) (L. D. 342)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass

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

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate

the Town of Medford." (H. P. 235) (L. D. 343)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass

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

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill "An Act Including Employees of the State Principals Association Under State Retirement System." (H. P. 542) (L. D. 774)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass

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

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

At this point the President resumed the Chair and Senator Berry retired amid the applause of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair wishes to thank the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, for the excellence of his performance.

Committee Reports Ought to Pass - As Amended

The Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to a Compact for Education." (H. P. 55) (L. D. 80)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the bill, as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-50) Passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to High School Equivalency Certificates." (H. P. 308) (L. D. 442)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Bill,

as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49) Passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Closed Season on Rabbits in Washington County." (H. P. 62) (L. D. 87)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Comes from the House, report read and accepted and the Bill, as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-51) Passed to be engrossed.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act to Include Oysters in Shellfish Shipping and Shucking Laws." (H. P. 420) (L. D. 601)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (H-55) was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Auburn Sewerage District." (H. P. 568) (L. D. 800)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill

read once. Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Permitting Courts to Impose a Sentence of Litter-Gathering Labor for Persons Convicted of Littering." (H. P. 579) (L. D. 811)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (H-52) was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Bull-fights." (H. P. 581) (L. D. 813)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve "Opening Millimagassett Lake, Penobscot County, to Ice Fishing." (Emergency) (H. P. 146) (L. D. 210)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass

(Signed)

Senators:

HOFFSES of Knox
ANDERSON of Hancock
FARLEY of York

Representatives:

HAYNES of Camden
CHAMPAGNE of Fairfield
THOMPSON of Belfast
LEWIN of Augusta

COOKSON of Glenburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

(Signed)

Representatives:

GAUDREAU of Lewiston
RACKLIFF of Easton

Comes from the House, Minority Report - Ought to Pass read and accepted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-37).

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, the Bill, and all its accompanying papers, was indefinitely postponed.

**Senate
Ought Not to Pass**

Mr. Curtis for the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act Relating to Intrastate Transportation of Malt Liquor." (S. P. 275) (L. D. 655)

Reported that the same Ought not to Pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Katz for the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to School Administrative District's Borrowing for Investment Purposes." (S. P. 258) (L. D. 638)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Curtis for the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act Relating to Part-time Liquor Licenses." (S. P. 304) (L. D. 743)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Farley for the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Gasoline Distributors, Importers and Exporters." (S. P. 127) (L. D. 256)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which reports were read and accepted and the Bills read once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

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

House

Bill "An Act Relating to Sick Leave for Teachers." (H. P. 304) (L. D. 438)

Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Pneumatic Tires for Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 139) (L. D. 203)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sale from a Distributor to Another of Cigarettes Stamped with Indicia of Another State." (Emergency) (H. P. 601) (L. D. 830)

Bill "An Act Exempting from Excise Tax and Registration, Motor Vehicles Used in Driver Education by Private Schools." (H. P. 600) (L. D. 829)

Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption of Property Taxes of Post of the American Veterans of World War II." (Emergency) (H. P. 599) (L. D. 828)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sales Tax on Sales Between Parent and Subsidiary Corporations." (H. P. 164) (L. D. 227)

Resolve "Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of Bridge Across New Meadows River." (H. P. 494) (L. D. 707)

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

House - As Amended

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)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-21) in non-concurrence.

(House Amendment "A" (H-30) Indefinitely Postponed)

In the Senate: Passed to be engrossed, as amended, in non-concurrence. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Creating the New Sharon Water District." (H. P. 539) (L. D. 771)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Operation of Motorcycles and Motor Driven Cycles." (H. P. 396) (L. D. 543)

Bill "An Act Regulating Riding on Motorcycles." (H. P. 433) (L. D. 597)

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

Senate

Resolve, to Aid in Dredging the Saco River." (S. P. 187) (L. D. 422)

Resolve "Appropriating Moneys for Search of Lost Persons in the Woodlands of the State." (S. P. 209) (L. D. 548)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate - As Amended

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Promote Travel to the State of Maine in Connection with the 1967 World Exhibition in Canada." (Emergency) (S. P. 102) (L. D. 173)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

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

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

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

Emergency

"An Act to Enable Municipalities to Provide Funds for Community Action Programs Under the Federal Anti-Poverty Program." (H. P. 430) (L. D. 594)

This 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.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and today specially assigned matter, (H. P.

848) (L. D. 1262) Bill, "An Act Creating a New Charter for the Town of Fairfield," which was tabled on March 8 by Senator Viles of Somerset, pending reference.

Mr. Johnson of Somerset moved the pending question and that 1500 copies be printed.

The bill was thereupon referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence and 1500 copies ordered printed.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and today specially assigned matter, (S. P. 113) (L. D. 184) Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Restaurant Under the Liquor Laws," which was tabled on March 8 by Senator MacLeod of Penobscot, pending enactment.

The same Senator moved the pending question, being enactment.

The bill was passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Lund of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the 13th tabled and unassigned matter, (H. P. 349) (L. D. 497) House Report, Ought Not to Pass, from the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Removing Tolls from Augusta Memorial Bridge," which was tabled by that Senator on March 7, pending acceptance of the report.

On motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Highways in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Lund of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the 22nd tabled and unassigned matter, (H. P. 351) (L. D. 433) House Report, Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Filing H-41 from the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across the Androscoggin River between the Cities of Auburn and Lewiston," which was tabled by that Senator on March 8, pending acceptance of report.

Mr. LUND: Mr. President, my purpose in tabling this bill yesterday was to give opportunity to prepare an amendment providing for tolls on this bridge between Lewiston and Auburn. Since yesterday, it appears that the question of tolls is not a popular one so at this time I now move acceptance of the committee report.

Thereupon the Senate voted to accept the Ought to Pass as amended report of the committee and the bill was given its first reading. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Secretary and adopted, and the Bill as amended was assigned for second reading on the next legislative day.

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the 14th tabled and unassigned matter, (H. P. 7) (L. D. 19) House Reports, from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve, in Favor of the City of Augusta," Report "A" Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-34); Report "B", Ought Not to Pass," which was tabled by that Senator on March 7th pending motion by Senator Berry of Cumberland to Accept Report "B", Ought not to Pass.

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move the pending question, that the acceptance of Report "B" be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The bill was tabled pending the motion of Senator Berry of Cumberland to accept Report "B", Ought not to Pass.

Mr. KATZ: I would like to speak to his motion.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, this was a divided report on a four-line bill. It has to do with the very lovely building across the street from the State House on State St. Being the host city for a seat of government sometimes gets to be a rather painful process, but, like those of you who live with in-laws, we accommodate and get along beautifully together. Every once in a while, though, there arises a question, and this is one

of them, where the State moves in an area that is so financially painful that the city must seek some redress at the hands of the legislature.

This is a case of the State going across to the Internal Revenue Building, which was privately owned, and buying the building from the private owner, thereby terminating the flow of tax revenues to the City of Augusta. This is understandable and it is in line with our hope for the expansion of State Government in Augusta, but in this particular case the State purchased the property so early in the game that \$55,000 of rental continued to flow into the Treasury of the State, money, part of which, was earmarked in taxes of previous years. There has actually been something like \$29,000 of tax money which equitably and fairly should have gone to the City of Augusta which flowed to the State of Maine, and it is this amount that we hope to recover.

Now I am well aware of the fact that we are tremendously lucky to have the State Capital here, but a sense of fair play indicates that you understand some of our problems.

In the months ahead, if the State of Maine were to undertake land acquisition in Augusta and pick up fifteen pieces of property extending down Capitol St., which is right down the Mall, this would make a good, sound business from the point of view of the State, because property valuations unquestionable will go up, and if the State is eventually going to use this land perhaps it should take it now, but if the State did this and then turned around and rented back to the owners of this current property, rented back to them the very houses they are in, it would cut off the supply of revenue to the city because the income would revert to the State. This would be an inequity, and I think this is the type of inequity we are faced with here. I hope that you will vote against the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Sen-

ate: The matter at hand is one which has frequent occurrence around the State, and your Appropriations Committee believed that if an exception is made it might establish a precedent.

I would point out to my esteemed colleague from Augusta that the State has found it expedient over the years to purchase the property it wants in Augusta as soon as possible to prevent what might be called a price appreciation. There are several instances where this has been a significant factor, and I think the State has well served the interests of all of the citizens of the State by this acquisition of property perhaps sometimes in advance of the times when it is needed.

The Appropriations Committee has several bills before it of the same nature, and it is felt it would be inadvisable to make an exception in this particular situation.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of the

Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, that we accept Report "B" Ought not to Pass. Those in favor of the motion will say "Yes"; those opposed "No."

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and Report "B", Ought not to Pass" was accepted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table the 20th tabled and unassigned matter, (S. P. 554) Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Status of Passenger Tramway Devices," which was tabled March 8 by that Senator pending reference. On further motion by the same Senator, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The adjournment order having been received from the House, on motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis, adjourned until Tuesday, March 14 at ten o'clock in the morning.