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Legislature*

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STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, March 14, 1967

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Arnt L. Schoning of Sebago.

Reading of Journal of yesterday.

**Paper from the House**

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO FUND THE "NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE AND PROGRAM ACT OF 1966," AND CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS THEREOF.**

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Third Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

WHEREAS, Public Law 89-688 passed by the 89th Congress, October 15, 1966, authorized the National Science Foundation to carry out the provisions of "The National Sea Grant College and Program Act of 1966;" and

WHEREAS, the Foundation is authorized to consult with experts engaged in pursuits in the various fields related to the development of Marine resources; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation shall exercise its authority by initiating and supporting programs at Sea Grant Colleges and other suitable institutes, laboratories, and public or private agencies for the education of participants in the various fields relating to the development of marine resources; and

WHEREAS, this Act will provide authorization for the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries to receive support for the purpose of developing marine research programs, the marine resources, and provide for resource publications and practical demonstrations and which, in turn, will enhance Maine's commercial fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, the programs to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be accomplished through contracts with, or grants to suitable public or private institutions of higher education, institutes, labora-

tories, and public or private agencies which are engaged in, or concerned with, activities in the various fields related to the development of marine resources, for the establishment and operation by them of such programs; and

WHEREAS, no funds have been appropriated to the National Science Foundation for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, your Memorialists, most sincerely urge the Congress of the United States, to facilitate the exploration of our ocean resources and make available the funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Public Law 89-688 as passed by the 89th Congress, October 15, 1966; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress and to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State. (H. P. 1059)

Comes from the House read and adopted.

Which was read and adopted in concurrence.

**Joint Order**

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be paid to JOHN F. NELSON, Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and to GEORGE FRANCIS, Representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, from the Legislative appropriation, mileage on a weekly basis for 10 round trips from their respective homes to Augusta, and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House issue to each of the Indian Representatives postage and telephone credit cards, the postage to be the same as issued to all Legislators and the telephone credit cards to be limited as are all Legislative credit cards. (H. P. 1060)

Comes from the House read and passed.

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

**House Papers**

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on Messalonskee Lake, Kennebec County. (H. P. 937) (L. D. 1353)

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 Creating the Uniform Federal Tax Lien Registration Act." (H. P. 938) (L. D. 1354)

Bill "An Act Creating the Uniform Preservation of Private Business Records Act." (H. P. 939) (L. D. 1371)

Bill "An Act Creating the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act." (H. P. 940) (L. D. 1372)

Bill "An Act Relating to Service on Non-residents in Motor Vehicle Accidents." (H. P. 941) (L. D. 1373)

Bill "An Act Creating the Uniform Act on Status of Convicted Persons." (H. P. 942) (L. D. 1374)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Protection of Trade Secrets." (H. P. 943) (L. D. 1375)

Bill "An Act Relating to Mandatory Inspection of Penal Institutions by Court Justices." (H. P. 944) (L. D. 1376)

Come from the House referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill, An Act Revising Laws Relating to Elevators." (Emergency) (H. P. 928) (L. D. 1358)

Comes from the House referred to the Committee on Labor.

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Amending Charter of the City of Hallowell" (H. P. 906) (L. D. 1356)

Bill "An Act Providing for a New Charter for the City of Waterville." (H. P. 945) (L. D. 1385)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Expand the Territory of the York Water District and to Modernize its Charter." (H. P. 902) (L. D. 1355)

Bill "An Act to Enable City of Portland to Establish Sewer Service Charges." (H. P. 946) (L. D. 1377)

Bill "An Act Relating to Board of Trustees of and Increasing Indebtedness of Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District." (H. P. 952)

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement Benefits of State Employees at Correctional and Mental Institutions and Liquor Inspectors." (H. P. 947) (L. D. 1378)

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

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

Bill "An Act Creating the Oceanology Act of 1967." (H. P. 948) (L. D. 1379)

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Tax Exemption for Benevolent and Charitable Institutions Conducted for Benefit of Non-residents." (H. P. 949) (L. D. 1380)

Bill "An Act to Relieve Elderly Persons from Increases in the Property Tax." (H. P. 953) (L. D. 1384)

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 Pensions for Members of the Police Department and Fire Department of the City of Auburn and Their Beneficiaries." (H. P. 925) (L. D. 1357)

Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation for Full-time Deputy Sheriffs and Chief Deputies." (H. P. 950) (L. D. 1381)

Bill "An Act Relating to Care of Paupers at Jefferson Men's Camp." (H. P. 951) (L. D. 1382)

Bill "An Act Relating to Enactment of Municipal Zoning." (H. P. 853) (L. D. 1386)

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

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

### Committee Reports

#### House

#### Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Town of Winterport to Form a School Administrative District." (H. P. 444) (L. D. 619)

Reported that the Same should be granted leave to withdraw.

Comes from the House report read and accepted.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse the Towns of Thomaston, Warren and Windham for Fire and Municipal Protection Services for the State. (H. P. 476) (L. D. 689)

Reported that the same Ought not to Pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted.

The Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Provide State School Construction Assistance to the Town of Winterport." (H. P. 443) (L. D. 618)

Reported that the same Ought not to Pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted.

The Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Scarborough." (H. P. 346) (L. D. 494)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act Relating to Issuance of Liquor Licenses on a Probationary Basis." (H. P. 416) (L. D. 582)

Reported that the same Ought not to Pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act Limiting Outdoor Advertising of Liquor." (H. P. 453) (L. D. 628)

Reported that the same Ought not to Pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act Relating to Local Option for Sale of Malt Liquor to be Consumed on the Premises." (H. P. 279) (L. D. 399)

Reported that the same Ought not to Pass as covered by other Legislation.

Comes from the House report read and accepted.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys to Provide Uniforms for Employees of Maine State Ferry Service." (H. P. 86) (L. D. 116)

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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Aid in Dredging Chauncey Creek Extension of Peperrell Cove, Kittery Harbor." (H. P. 259) (L. D. 380)

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 - As Amended**

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Revising the Home Repair Financing Act." (H. P. 469) (L. D. 682)

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 by Committee Amendment "A" (H-56)

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.

**Recommended**

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Relating to Guaranty Requirements of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies and Capital Stock Requirements of Domestic Stock Insurance Companies." (H. P. 573) (L. D. 806)

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

Comes from the House, Recommended to the Committee on Business Legislation.

On motion by Mr. MacLeod of Penobscot, tabled pending consideration.

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on Claims on Resolve "In Favor of Lucille Morang of Jonesport." (H. P. 478) (L. D. 691)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

(signed)  
Senators:

BREWER of Sagadahoc  
ROSS of Piscataquis  
NORRIS of Oxford

Representatives:

MINKOWSKY of Lewiston  
FRASER of Mexico  
LINCOLN of Bethel  
HARVEY of Woolwich  
QUIMBY of Cambridge  
IMMONEN of West Paris

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject

matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

(signed)  
Representative:  
TOWNSEND of Baileyville

Comes from the House, Majority - Ought Not to Pass report read and Accepted.

In the Senate: Report read and accepted in concurrence.

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Conveyance of Secondary Pupils." (H. P. 183) (L. D. 297)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment "A" (H-45)

(signed)  
Senators:

KATZ of Kennebec  
SNOW of Cumberland  
MACLEOD of Penobscot

Representatives:  
SHUTE of Farmington  
BAKER of Winthrop  
ALLEN of Caribou  
CARROLL of Limerick  
LEVESQUE of Madawaska

The Minority of the same committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought not to Pass.

Representatives:  
HANSON of Lebanon  
RICHARDSON  
of Cumberland

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying Reports Indefinitely Postponed.

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, the Senate voted to accept the majority "Ought to Pass" as amended report of the Committee in concurrence. The Bill was given its first reading. Committee Amendment "A" (H-19) was read and adopted. The Secretary then read House Amendment "A" (H-45). House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill, as amended, was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

**Senate**

**Leave to Withdraw -  
Covered by other Legislation**

Mr. Barnes for the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act

Clarifying Law Relating to Failure of School Bus Operator to Stop at Railroad Crossing," (S. P. 289) (L. D. 669)

Reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw as covered by other legislation.

Mr. Beckett for the Committee on Indian Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for Review of Laws Relating to Maine's Indian Tribes." (S. P. 139) (L. D. 634)

Reported that the same should be granted leave to withdraw.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### **Ought Not to Pass**

Mr. Barnes for the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Revising the Laws on School Bus Operators." (S. P. 224) (L. D. 550)

Reported that the same Ought not to Pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### **Ought to Pass**

Mr. Beckett for the Committee on Indian Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Conveyance of Reservation Lands for Penobscot Tribe of Indians." (S. P. 138) (L. D. 633)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Mr. Harding for the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Liens and Certificate to be Filed with Register of Deeds." (S. P. 338) (L. D. 871)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Mr. Mills for the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Establishing a Master Mortgage Recording Act." (S. P. 363) (L. D. 959)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

The same Senator for the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Compensating Counsel for Indigent Accused of Crime." (S. P. 315) (L. D. 861)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

The same Senator for the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Trial Terms of Superior Court in Penobscot County." (S. P. 337) (L. D. 870)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Mr. Good for the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Relating to Definition of Workshop Under Labor Laws." (S. P. 217) (L. D. 480)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Mr. Wyman for the Committee on State Government 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)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Mr. Lund for the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Relating to Approval of Legislative Expenses When Legislature Not in Session." (S. P. 119) (L. D. 248)

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 - As Amended**

Mr. Hildreth for the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relat-

ing to Religious Faith of Foster and Adoptive Homes." (S. P. 246) (L. D. 606)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)

Which report was read and accepted and the Bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" (S-15) was read by the Secretary as follows:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 246, L. D. 606, Bill, "An Act Relating to Religious Faith of Foster and Adoptive Homes."**

Amend said Bill by Striking out all of the first sentence of the 2nd paragraph (same in L. D. 606) and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Any child who shall come under the supervision of the department by virtue of this chapter shall, when placed for foster care or adoption in a family, be placed in a family of the same religious faith as that requested in writing by the parents or surviving parent of such child, where a suitable family of such faith can be found willing to take such child.'**

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

**Divided Report**

Five members of the Committee on State Government on Resolve "Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Authorizing the Legislature to Enact Bond Issues, to be Ratified by the People Upon Petition or Referral by the Legislature." (S. P. 66) (L. D. 110)

Reported in Report "A" that the same Ought to Pass.

(signed)  
Senators:

STERN of Penobscot  
LUND of Kennebec

Representatives:

MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
RIDEOUT of Manchester  
CORNELL of Orono

Five members of the same committee on the same subject

matter reported in Report "B" that the same Ought not to Pass.

(Signed)  
Senator:

WYMAN of Washington

Representatives:

DENNETT of Kittery  
WATTS of Machias  
STARBIRD, Jr  
of Kingman Plantation  
PHILBROOK  
of So. Portland

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move acceptance of Report "A", Ought to Pass, and I would like to speak briefly to my motion.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President, the intent of L. D. 110 is to simplify the ballot which is placed before the people of the State of Maine. I think we are all very familiar with the numerous referenda with which we are confronted when we go to the polling booth. These ballots are generally divided into three categories: the straight political ballot and the referenda questions dealing with liquor and the referenda questions dealing with bond issues. The legislature has recently passed and sent to the Governor an act which will simplify that portion of the ballot dealing with the liquor questions, and, as the members of this body may recall, the salient feature of that bill was that upon the initiation of a reasonably small number of names on a petition the liquor question or questions might be placed before any community for review.

This measure today, L. D. 110, applies the same principle to bond issues. Before it can be accepted and put into effect it must be accepted by the voters of the State of Maine at the next general election, when this act, if passed by the legislature, will be before them for acceptance or rejection. The principles of which we are talking must be accepted by the people of the State of Maine. If this measure is accepted by the people of the State of Maine, any future bond issue passed by the legislature could be handled by the legislature in one of two ways:



the legislature could direct, in the issue at stake, that the matter would go to referendum in a state-wide election. However, if the legislature did not so direct, then that bond issue would go into effect ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature, unless — and here is the safety feature — a petition containing one per cent of the names of the last gubernatorial vote were filed. Now, based on the last election, this would amount to 3200 votes.

I believe we would agree that any issue which is even slightly controversial, either in the amount of money involved or in the principle involved, would easily obtain 3200 signatures to place it upon the ballot. At that time, of course it would either be accepted or rejected by the voters. The figure of one per cent is a reasonably low figure. It is not so low that it is completely irresponsible and a very, very small group of people could put an issue on other than in a good intentional manner, and yet it is not so large that it would be difficult to obtain the number of signatures to put it on for referendum.

I call your attention to recent bond issues which have been turned down—the Chebeague Island Bridge comes to my mind—and I can assure you there would have been no trouble whatsoever in obtaining 3200 signatures to put the Chebeague Island Bridge upon the ballot.

It seems that we have here — I do not like the word “streamlining,” but we have a slight easing of pressure upon the Maine voter. I have reason to suspect that it has reasonably wide acceptance. The principle has been endorsed by many parties. I would urge your support of my motion to accept the Ought to Pass report.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the bill was tabled, pending the motion of Mr. Berry of Cumberland to accept Report “A” Ought to Pass.

#### Second Readers

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

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

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

Bill “An Act Including Importers in Stuffed Toy Law.” (H. P. 230) (L. D. 326)

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

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

Bill “An Act to Incorporate the Town of Medford.” (H. P. 235) (L. D. 343)

Bill “An Act Including Employees of the State Principals Association Under State Retirement System.” (H. P. 542) (L. D. 774)

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)

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

#### House—As Amended

Bill “An Act Relating to a Compact for Education.” (H. P. 55) (L. D. 80)

Mr. Katz of Kennebec presented Senate Amendment “A” (S-16) and moved its adoption. Senate Amendment “A” was read by the Secretary as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT “A” to H. P. 55, L. D. 80, Bill, “An Act Relating to a Compact for Education.”

Amend said Bill in that part designated “§ 2922” of section 1 by striking out in the first line (Same in L. D. 80) the underlined word “educational” and inserting in

place thereof the underlined word **education**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Include Oysters in Shellfish Shipping and Shucking Laws." (H. P. 420) (L. D. 601)

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

Bill "Relating to Penalty for Littering." (H. P. 579) (L. D. 811)

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

Bill "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)

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

**Senate**

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)

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Enactors**

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

An Act Relating to Definition of Child Under World War Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Services. (H. P. 80) (L. D. 105)

An Act Relating to Emergency Rule by Police Officer to Control Traffic. (S. P. 82) (L. D. 163)

An Act Appropriating Funds for Testimonials for Marking Unmarked Graves of Revolutionary

War Soldiers. (H. P. 127) (L. D. 191)

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

An Act Relating to Spearing Suckers in Rivers, Streams and Brooks. (H. P. 145) (L. D. 209)

An Act Relating to State Police Retirement Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System. (H. P. 157) (L. D. 220)

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

An Act Establishing American History Month in Maine. (H. P. 160) (L. D. 223)

An Act to Repeal and Amend Certain Private and Special Laws Relative to Sea and Shore Fisheries. (H. P. 243) (L. D. 351)

An Act Relating to Legislative Apportionment for Cranberry Isles, Hancock County. (H. P. 285) (L. D. 405)

An Act to Permit Executive Council Service as Credit for Members of State Retirement System. (S. P. 234) (L. D. 559)

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

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

**Emergency**

An Act to Revise the Retirement System Law. (S. P. 89) (L. D. 170)

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.

**Emergency**

An Act to Create a Criminal Division Within the Office of the Attorney General. (S. P. 237) (L. D. 562)

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.

Mr. Farley of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. FARLEY: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I would like to say to the members of the Senate, and more so to Rodney Ross, in behalf of the boys from Brownville Junction, that although I am not a basketball fan, which is a running game, I do participate in a running game, I wish to say to you, on behalf of York County, and also to your fifth coach, who has played basketball in the corridors of the hotel where I reside, the Augusta House, that we wish you that the same thing would follow you through life that followed you through the game where you displayed good, clean sportsmanship, and we know that you will make fine citizens. Although we were defeated, we are proud in York County that you have such a nice team in Brownville Junction. (Applause)

#### Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and today specially assigned matter, JOINT ORDER Relative to Directing Joint Select Committee on Senatorial Apportionment to report out Bill Creating Representative Districts, which was tabled on March 8th by Senator Snow of Cumberland Pending Passage.

Mr. SNOW of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move the pending question and I should like to speak briefly to my motion, if I may.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Mr. SNOW. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, my concern in tabling this order did represent opposition to it at this time. It merely represented concern that it might divert the Committee on Apportionment from its main purpose which is consideration of the reapportionment of the Senate. I now understand that the Committee may be increased or augmented in order to consider this

question properly. I move the pending question.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that this Joint Order be passed in concurrence?

The motion prevailed and the Order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the 14th tabled and unassigned matter (H. P. 890) (L. D. 1304) Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Health and Welfare to Accept Federal Funds and Commodities." Tabled March 8, 1967 by that Senator pending reference.

On further motion by the same Senator, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Barnes of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. BARNES: I would like to say Mr. President, that I do not have the oratorical ability of the Honorable Senator from York, Senator Farley, but I would at this time like to bring from the people of Aroostook County our sincere congratulations to the Honorable Senator from Penobscot, Senator Sewall and to the people of Old Town for having won the Class L L Championship Title on last Saturday evening. (Applause)

Mr. Sewall of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. SEWALL: I would like to say to my colleague from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, and also congratulate the three Senators from York County, Senators Duquette, Reny and Farley on the performance of the teams that they sent to the finals last Saturday night. We, in Old Town, are very proud to have been able to beat a team which displayed such fine attributes as the team from Sanford. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Farley of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate a second time.

Mr. FARLEY: Senator Sewall has been very enthusiastic in

regard to his team in Old Town. He has not disturbed me as Senator Ross has. Senator Ross has been playing basketball in the corridors in the hotel until two o'clock and four o'clock in the morning. I don't think that the gentleman has slept. That is how proud he is of his team and the boys from his county. Sanford is only a short ways from Biddeford. We represent Sanford here in York County. We take our hats off to the boys from our town. I think you defeated one of the finest teams there is in the State of Maine. Sanford, at the start, was leading, and then they stopped for a while, but they finally got into the finals by defeating Portland. So, I say to you, Senator: to those boys in the Old Town High School, in the few minutes I watched the game on T.V. — my wife likes to watch a program, and I was in a tough spot — you can convey my wishes to those boys, to those coaches and teachers, and say to them that we in York County are proud of the boys who captured the championship. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Ross of Piscataquis was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: First I would like to thank my good friend Senator Farley from York County for all his fine remarks, but frankly that game was so close with a one point margin I would have been too nervous to even hold the ball that night.

Mr. Stern of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. STERN: Mr. President, I have been waiting here patiently to give the opportunity to my good friend Senator Curtis to get up and address the Senate, but apparently he is too modest to do so, but rather than have it overlooked, I only feel it my legislative duty that I call this to the attention of the Senate, that not only Old Town, which is part of Penobscot County, but Orono, which is part of Penobscot County, was successful in winning a state

championship and I certainly want that on record, and I don't want anyone to forget it. We drove them up there both intellectually and physically. (Applause)

Mr. Curtis of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. President, I have been listening with a great deal of interest. I had other plans to bring the Orono group out to meet you folks, but I cannot let the possibility of saying a few words at this time go by. I was torn between two fires this weekend, because I have been ski-coach for over forty years, and I wanted to see the title skiing in Vermont and I wanted to watch the State championship game which Orono participated in Saturday night. I chose to watch the Orono game. I am going to say that their opponents played a beautiful, hard game, and there was doubt for a long period in that game.

There is something about the air in northern Maine as well as in Central Maine, and in Brownville Junction, and Old Town and Orono, all three State Championship teams. I am going to say it is a pleasure to acknowledge three championship teams: Orono was one and we have one team with us here today. I have been in active work for a great many years, and I know what those behind the scenes have to do to win State championships. You have your staff, your teachers, your coaches and your townspeople, and, above all, you have the energy and the following by others on the part of the teams. My congratulations to the boys here today and to the teams that lost by a close margin in these championship games. My hat goes off to them. I never witnessed a finer game than the Orono game, and the opponents were the very best of friends following the game. I think the courtesy which they extended was just wonderful. Thank you. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.