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SENATE

Wednesday, May 24, 1967

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Donald Hinckley of Auburn.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Papers from the House Non-concurrent matters

Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Expenses of Supreme Judicial Court Paid by State to Cumberland County." (S. P. 207) (L. D. 546)

In Senate, May 9, Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-85)

Comes from the House Indefinitely Postponed in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Cumberland, the Senate voted to Insist.

Bill "An Act Providing for Pensions for Widows of Former Governors." (H. P. 1050) (L. D. 1522)

In House, May 12, Recommended to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In Senate, May 15, Ought Not to Pass report Accepted in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by House Amendment "B" in non-concurrence. (H-334)

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

Bill "An Act Granting Complimentary Fishing Licenses for Certain Maine Residents in Armed Forces." (H. P. 1120) (L. D. 1592)

In House, May 12, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-237)

In Senate, May 22, Passed to be Engrossed, without Amendment, in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that body having Insisted and asked for a Committee of Conference.

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, the Senate voted to Adhere.

Bill "An Act Relating to Transportation of Disabled, Collision Damaged, Wrecked or Repossessed Highway Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 59) (L. D. 84)

In Senate, May 16, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Sen-

ate Amendment "A" (S-86) and by Senate Amendment "B" (S-137) in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed, As Amended by Senate Amendment "B" in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Oxford, the Senate voted to Recede and Concur with the House.

Bill "An Act to Authorize Lincoln County to Raise Money for Court House Capital Improvements." (S. P. 485) (L. D. 1206)

In Senate, May 15, Passed to be Engrossed.

Comes from the House, Passed to be engrossed As Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-336) in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mrs. Sproul of Lincoln, the Senate voted to Recede and Concur with the House.

Resolve, Regulating Fishing on Part of Moose River, Somerset County. (S. P. 604) (L. D. 1587)

In Senate, May 19, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Senate Amendment "B" (S-160) in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Senate Amendment "B" and by House Amendment "A" (H-341) in non-concurrence.

(On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, tabled until later in today's session.)

Bill "An Act Providing for Action in Aid to Dependent Children Cases Involving Fraud." (H. P. 672) (L. D. 944)

In Senate, May 16, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-285) in concurrence.

Comes from the House Passed to be Engrossed, without amendment, in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Franklin, the Senate voted to Insist on its former action and ask for a Committee of Conference.

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

In Senate, May 17, Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by

House Amendment "A" (H-343) in non-concurrence.

(On motion by Mrs. Sproul of Lincoln, tabled and specially assigned for Thursday, May 25, pending further consideration.)

House Papers

JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING DONALD C. HANSEN

WHEREAS, DONALD C. HANSEN has been selected as a public affairs reporting fellow of the American Political Science Association for the 1967-1968 academic year, starting in September; and

WHEREAS, this fellowship is supported through grants from the Ford Foundation and offers qualified working journalists reporting public affairs the opportunity to attend the college or university of their choice for a year of advanced study; and

WHEREAS, DONALD C. HANSEN is cognizant of the fact that fair and impartial reporting is a prerequisite to the sacred trust enjoyed by a successful political writer; and

WHEREAS, DONALD C. HANSEN is not only a competent professional journalist, he also is a person who possesses an abundance of friendship, loyalty and honesty which are among the greater human qualities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 103rd Legislature hereby extend to DONALD C. HANSEN, heartiest congratulations for his outstanding accomplishment in his chosen field of journalism and wish him God-speed in his new assignment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Joint Resolution, 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 MR. HANSEN as a token of our esteem. (H. P. 1175)

Comes from the House, Read and Adopted.

Which was Read and Adopted in concurrence.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Today this Senate and indeed the entire Legislature is honoring a man for whom we all have the highest professional regard. It is fitting, I think, that such well deserved recognition be given this gentleman because by paying him homage, we are also drawing attention to the type of journalism that we in Maine take so much for granted, not to mention the fairness, the impartiality it is administered. Fair, impartial coverage of the events that make news in the field of politics, state government and the legislature have come to be expected by the citizens of Maine. As makers of the laws in the State of Maine we follow our own doings in the newspapers and over radio and television, and we in Maine conduct ourselves, our events, our deliberations under the brightly and wise glow of a right to Maine law that is here like hopes to all.

The press and its members have our respect, and we want to express this respect in the form of this Resolution which we have just read honoring Donald C. Hansen who has set a prior example of the highest degree of professional journalism and has justly earned the tribute we are bestowing upon him, as he is getting ready to embark on a new career for which we are all proud.

At the request of the President, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Mr. Donald C. Hansen to the rostrum amid the applause of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: We would appreciate a few remarks from our honored guest today, Donald Hansen.

Mr. HANSEN: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I just want to thank you very much. I appreciate what you have done, the many nice things which you have said about me in the Resolution, the majority of which are not true, but I appreciate it. My wife expressed some concern — she follows the legislature as does an average taxpayer, and she expressed the fear that you wouldn't pass it, but would refer it to the Legislative Research Committee for study.

I thank you for passing it and so does my wife. Thank you again. (Applause)

House

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Property Tax Exemption for Persons Reaching Sixty-five Years of Age." (H. P. 727) (L. D. 1051)

Reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw as covered by other Legislation. Comes from the House, report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Age of Persons Liable for Poll Taxes." (H. P. 1039) (L. D. 1511)

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

Comes from the House, report Read and Accepted.

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Increasing License Fees for Small Loan Agencies." (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1408)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Comes from the House, report Read and Accepted.

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

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass

Comes from the House, report Read and Accepted.

On motion by Mr. Hildreth of Cumberland, tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, May 31, pending Acceptance of the Report.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing Funds for Relocating of Maine Central Railroad Tracks in Livermore Falls." (H. P. 822) (L. D. 1230)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Comes from the House, Bill Substituted for the Report and Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-332)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills.

Mr. MILLS of Franklin: I move the Senate substitute the Bill for the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I, merely as a matter of parliamentary procedure, move we recede and concur.

The amendment before us H-332 stipulates that federal funds which will result from this, we hope will not affect the present allocation of federal funds to the State of Maine for highway construction purposes. In addition the Town of Livermore Falls would appropriate matching funds for \$15,000. This materially changes the bill as originally reported, as heard by your committee, and I would support the action and sentiments of the Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise the Senator that the motion to recede and concur would not be in order as the Senate has yet to act on the bill.

The pending question is on the motion of the Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills, that we substitute the Bill for the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to substitute the bill for the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee and the bill was read once.

House Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted, and the Bill, As Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass as Amended

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Providing Hospital Insurance Benefits Under Social Security Act for State Employees." (H. P. 1065) (L. D. 1532) reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by

Committee Amendment "A" (H-328)

Comes from the House, report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

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.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Threatening Display of or Carrying Concealed Weapons." (H. P. 793) (L. D. 1171) reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under New Title (H. P. 1172) (L. D. 1670).

Comes from the House, report Read and Accepted and the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence, and the Bill, in New Draft, read once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act to Grant Public Utilities Commission Control Over Cooperatives." (H. P. 696) (L. D. 977) reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft, under the same title, (H. P. 1168) (L. D. 1669).

Comes from the House, report Read and Accepted, and the Bill, in New Draft, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-344)

Which report was Read and Accepted, and the Bill, in New Draft read once.

House Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted, and the Bill, As Amended, tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Revising the Credit Union Law." (H. P. 963) (L. D. 1406) reported that the same Ought to

Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-291)

(Signed)

Senators:

MacLEOD of Penobscot
HARDING of Aroostook
KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

SCOTT of Wilton
HARRIMAN of Hollis
FECTEAU of Biddeford
GAUTHIER of Sanford
SULLIVAN of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought Not to Pass

(Signed)

Representatives:

TRASK of Milo
SCOTT of Presque Isle

Comes from the House, Majority - Ought to Pass report Read and Accepted, and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-291)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod.

Mr. MacLEOD of Penobscot: Mr. President, Members of the Senate: Several times this winter we have seen members of committees stand up and repudiate, after considerable thought and soul searching, the vote that they had made in the committees on a particular piece of legislation. This is what, I am afraid, I'm going to be doing this morning.

I signed the Majority Ought to Pass Report with some misgivings along with some other members of the committee, and my misgivings have been reinforced after further investigation and research of the implications of this bill. The Majority eight to two Ought to Pass Report of the Committee, I believe that if another count were taken, would be six to four, at least, Ought Not to Pass since other members have also changed their minds on this bill.

Credit unions as originally designed and, as they now operate, are very worthwhile as a simple means of savings in the association or company or group to which people belong and have a common field of membership.

It also has provided credit through the use of the credit union to people who otherwise might be unable to get credit at reasonable rates. It has served a very worthwhile economic function, and for this reason, they have been given very liberal privileges under their charters and under the regulations through which they operate. For example, they pay no taxes of any kind. This bill here, an Act Revising the Credit Union Law, would provide for a central state-wide credit union.

Incidentally, the Federal Credit Union prohibits any central credit union, but this bill would allow this to happen in the state-chartered credit unions.

In Section 1 of this bill it makes eligible for membership four different classes of persons. It is the last class that is of particular concern to me, which is any person who is a member of a credit union merging into a central credit union, a member of liquidating credit union, members of immediate families and associates of such persons. This opens the doors for untold numbers of people, many of them who might be former members of credit unions who left the union for perfectly valid reasons other than the fact that the union was in trouble and no longer could afford them protection. The meaning of members of immediate families is uncertain. This further broadens the field of eligible membership. The meaning of associations of such persons is unclear. This could mean, for example, a collection of persons who have been deemed so unworthy of credit that they have disassociated from those credit unions, but could associate together and become members of a central credit union.

Section 2 of the bill throws a burden on the Banking Commissioner. He is supposed to decide, without being given any guidelines, as to whether a particular local union should try to be rescued and, if so, presumably which of the credit unions it should be forced upon.

The apparent purpose of this bill is to bail out small local unions

which are in trouble, either through mismanagement, inaptitude or possibly small volume. If the Commissioner disapproves a particular merger, and he has this power in this bill, into a central credit union, he could be defeating the purpose of the bill. If he approves a particular merger, he may be subjecting the central credit union to liabilities which would be unhealthy to it.

Any large-scale use of the device created by this legislation could create a colossal financial institution affecting persons and families from one end of the State to the other with no reasonable cause for association, and it would destroy the original concept of what credit unions were designed to do and what they are currently doing.

If a certain institution were to get itself into trouble it would seem that the Legislature would have no choice but to come to its rescue either by providing State money directly or by pledging the credit of the state. This is not fair competition for the legitimate credit sources. No banks, no savings and loan associations can now form a statewide bank or statewide savings and loan association. This bill, if passed into law, would allow this under the credit unions.

I, therefore, move, Mr. President, indefinite postponement of this bill and all accompanying papers.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod, moves that the bill and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Harding.

Mr. HARDING of Aroostook: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: If I were in court now, I guess I would plead surprise. This report was signed by the three members, three Senators, Ought to Pass, and by several of the representatives, and only two people signed the Ought Not to Pass Report.

This bill is sponsored by someone who I think is very sound in the credit field, has a very broad background, by the name of Mr. Robertson, who is not a member of my own party, but he is from Brewer,

and I have a great deal of respect for his judgment.

As I understood, the reasons for this bill is that there are times that credit unions do get in trouble, that is true, financially, that it isn't economical for them to carry on. But there are also times when circumstances change, and the company is no longer in operation, and the credit union then would have to go out of business. Now, there are people who have made investments in credit unions and they have an insurance which goes with it. Now, they would be in a position that in their late 50's or early 60's, they would lose this insurance protection, and the purpose of this bill was to provide them an opportunity, when the credit union was dissolved through no intentions of their own, to still be in the credit union and to be a member of this central credit union.

As far as the unfair competition, I don't really see this. This is just in these unusual situations where the credit union has gone out of business. It is not going to be something which is going to take over the State or anything like that. These credit unions, I think, have served a real purpose. They have benefited many members and encouraged people to save, and also encouraged them to be able to borrow money at a reasonable rate.

It seems to me that this is a good bill, and I would feel very badly if it were defeated. I would ask for a division on the motion, and I would hope that you would not support the Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod, in his motion.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Couturier.

Mr. COUTURIER of Androscoggin: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Senator MacLeod, the distinguished Senator from Penobscot, need not feel bad about changing his mind on this bill. I have changed my mind too. In fact, two days ago I was against this bill and right now I am rising to speak in favor of this bill and against Senator MacLeod's motion for indefinite postponement.

First of all, I would like to state that I personally belong to three credit unions in the City of Lewiston, including one which is the Municipal Credit Union, and I feel that we should support this bill which would afford a degree of protection to the credit union members, who in this State now number 130,000.

When a credit union is forced to liquidate because the business is forced to close its doors, the members have no protection or no agency to turn to to guarantee their savings. It is not guaranteed that they will recover one hundred per cent of their savings which they have been accumulating through the years. The member will automatically lose the \$2,000 insurance which he has acquired on his savings, and in a lot of cases cannot acquire elsewhere membership and this same insurance. He also loses, as I have said, his prerogative of membership which afforded him an opportunity to secure a reasonable dividend on his invested money, or to borrow money at a reasonable rate of interest.

Now, my concern about this bill and why I was against it was because I was convinced that, as Senator MacLeod is at the present time, that voting for this bill would be tantamount to creating a giant, a huge credit union in the State of Maine. I have checked since then and find that under our present laws, and under the federal laws which cover some of the credit unions, it is necessary before a merger can be effected to have the approval of the Banking Commissioner and the approval of, I believe it is the Regional Director for these federal credit unions. I have found from my conversations, that getting permission to merge is not a very easy task.

I feel that this bill would certainly accomplish a good purpose and that it would protect the savings of individuals. I certainly do not feel that with the law being what it is at the present time that we would have one huge credit union for almost everyone in the State of Maine.

I certainly know that the three credit unions to which I belong are

solid ones, and I might say they are a little bit jealous. They like to have their own personality, if I may use that word. They like to be themselves, and I can see, under this bill, there is actually no possibility of a merger between those three credit unions, or other credit unions that I know, unless they were in a very serious financial bind. Such a situation, I hope, will never develop, and I certainly will vote against the motion of Senator MacLeod to indefinitely postpone the bill and all its accompanying papers.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Ross.

Mr. ROSS of Piscataquis: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Unlike the other distinguished Senators, I haven't changed my mind. I thought this was a bad bill from the beginning. I still think it is, and I would like to read you a quote from the September, 1966 issue of Credit Union Magazine, and I quote: "Our movement will face many challenges, dangers and problems, but the greatest danger will not come from outside but within the movement from that small group of people who may wish to change the traditional character of credit unions and sacrifice their uniqueness for what they believe will be greater economic power." That seems to be the case confronting us here today, and I want to go along with Senator MacLeod's motion for indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Stern.

Mr. STERN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I think this would be the most opportune time for me to make a pitch for some of my pet bills. Some of these bills that have lost by one or two votes. It seems to be some kind of a contagious infection that many of you people are changing your minds. I wish that you had changed your minds in favor of some of my bills. I have nothing to say pro or con on this particular bill.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Couturier.

Mr. COUTURIER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, as a second thought, I do want to add that laws similar to this one are now in effect in about thirty states and no such problem as the one that is anticipated by members of this Senate has occurred in any of these states.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Hoffses.

Mr. HOFFSES of Knox: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Perhaps I am in a little different position than all of these others who have had various opinions on this particular document. I have formulated no opinion in the past, but over the weekend I have been contacted by some of the banks and other interested people, and they have urged that I vote against this document.

I would like to go on record as being in favor of the motion of the good Senator, Senator MacLeod, that this bill and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Ferguson.

Mr. FERGUSON of Oxford: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I rise in support of the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod. I have been dealing with credit unions for a great many years and find them very reliable on the local level, but I would question the wisdom of the passage of this legislation of getting on a statewide basis. Banks are not allowed to do this. They can establish branches in adjoining counties, etc., but on a statewide basis they are not allowed to do it.

The Senator from Androscoggin Senator Couturier, talked about a reasonable amount of interest on borrowing. I have found that I can borrow money at a commercial bank for a lot less than I could at the credit union. As you know, the standard rate for credit unions is twelve per cent a month on unpaid balances, and this is a very high rate of interest.

I certainly hope that the Senate will go along with the motion of the Senator from Penobscot,

Senator MacLeod, in the indefinite postponement of this piece of legislation.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills.

Mr. MILLS of Franklin: Mr. President, I have just noticed that this fuselage that has been fired at the credit unions this morning has been mostly from my own party, and I do note that Senator Katz, whose head is bloody, but yet unbowed, and whose consistency is noted in this body, has not as yet switched, so that there are Republicans of some standing as, of course, my good friend Senator Katz, who do support the credit unions in this matter. I just want the record to show that when the banking lobby gets going, it doesn't bowl over all of the Republicans.

These credit unions are an infant industry. They are small, and they have no octopus tendencies to gobble up the Depositors Trust Company, the Merrill Trust Company, or the rest of the great banking institutions in the state. It is rather pitiful, I think, to see the lobby so much disturbed, so much alarmed, over this very legitimate request that these 23 state chartered credit unions be allowed, if the industry goes out of a town, or anything occurs so that the credit union has to close its doors, that it may merge with another with the permission of the Banking Commissioner.

It has been said here that the federal credit unions cannot do this. I have statements in front of me to the effect that they may and, of course, there are 167 federal credit unions chartered in this State and only 23 of the State variety. These credit unions, of course, are mutual institutions, like our savings banks. They are owned by the members and they are not in a position of paying taxes because of that very cooperative feature. I think that we should send the word out of here today that we do support the 130,000 members of the credit unions of this State in its entirely legitimate request of the State of Maine.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod.

Mr. MacLEOD of Penobscot: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This is not an attack against the credit union movement in the State of Maine. I thought I made, at least, I hope I made myself clear, as far as I'm concerned personally that they have served and are serving a very worthwhile function.

This is an attack on the proposed radical change in the present law governing the credit unions. The good Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills, mentioned the lobby getting so upset. Well I would wish to assure that Senator that the lobby did not change my mind on this bill. I changed my mind by reading this bill and re-reading it, and I went to the lobby and asked them why they weren't doing something to kill it after I had changed my mind on it. I thought actually they had been pretty inactive on this particular piece of legislation. I have done some personal lobbying on it because I am very concerned that it is a very bad piece of legislation if it passed.

As far as this bill applying just to dissolving or liquidation of credit unions, this is not so. This law applies to any credit union. A strong credit union could decide on its own to merge with a central credit union, and as far as the members of a liquidating credit union losing their money, this has never happened in the State of Maine because they have what is called the League Stabilization Fund, and all one needs is a letter from the President of the Maine Credit Union League and this money is available to make sure that no savings are lost in case of dissolution. This has always been paid a hundred cents on a dollar in the past.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: This session has been a real experience for me because going from hearings on the Committee on Education to the Committee on Business Legislation, I never have any doubt as to which meeting I'm at. Never, never, never, and I have

found that in the Committee on Business Legislation, I have run across bills that were more like icebergs than anything else. The language is reasonably simple, but there is so much obscured that isn't in the bill.

I must confess to the Senator from Franklin, that I have indeed changed my mind on this bill, and I must confess also that my mind was not changed as the result of the various lobbying from outside, but effects of lobbying from inside of this chamber.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question is on the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod, that the bill and accompanying reports be indefinitely postponed.

As many as are in favor of indefinite postponement will stand and remain standing until counted. Those opposed to indefinite postponement will remain standing until counted.

A division was had. 23 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and seven Senators having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the bill and accompanying reports were indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Barnes for the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Relating to Price Paid to Producers for Milk." (S. P. 517) (L. D. 1337)

Reported that the same should be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which report was Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Mr. Berry for the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Operating Funds for Vocational Educational Institute in Washington County." (S. P. 136) (L. D. 266)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-179)

(On motion by Mr. Snow of Cumberland, tabled and specially

assigned for Thursday, May 25, pending acceptance of report.)

Mr. Katz for the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Reports of School Administrative Units." (S. P. 534) (L. D. 1369)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-177)

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill read once.

Committee Amendment "A", Filing S-177, was read by the Secretary as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 534, L. D. 1369, Bill, "An Act Relating to Reports of School Administrative Units."

Amend said Bill in the Title by striking out the word "Units" and inserting in place thereof the word 'Districts'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'R. S., T. 20, §161, sub-§3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 161 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, the following:

The annual report shall be subject to the following provisions:

A. The report shall be published in such form as the state board shall prescribe and it shall contain information relating to pupils, teachers, curriculum, property, finances and other information in such detail as the board shall specify.

B. Sufficient copies of the report shall be made available to the municipal officers of each member town of the district. Every voter in the district may obtain a copy of the report from the municipal officers in his municipality. Copies of the report shall be in the hands of the municipal officers for distribution at least 7 days prior to the annual district budget meeting.'

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

Mr. Katz for the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in

the Education Laws." (S. P. 358) (L. D. 966)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-176)

(On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, tabled, unassigned, pending acceptance of the report.)

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Greeley for the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act Relating to Emergency Admittance of Paupers to Hospitals." (S. P. 405) (L. D. 1036)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft, under the same title, (S. P. 659) (L. D. 1676)

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill, in New Draft, read once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

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

House

Bill "An Act Authorizing Department of Health and Welfare to Make Grants to Municipalities." (H. P. 490) (L. D. 703)

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

Bill "An Act Providing for the Official Observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine." (H. P. 723) (L. D. 1018)

Bill "An Act Relating to Tax Collector's Resignation." (H. P. 297) (L. D. 417)

Bill "An Act Relating to Appropriation to Maine Institution for the Blind." (H. P. 667) (L. D. 922)

(On motion by Mr. Greeley of Waldo, tabled, unassigned, pending passage to be engrossed.)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Membership on the Maine Milk Commission." (H. P. 339) (L. D. 487)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

House - As Amended

Bill "An Act Relating to Certification of Organization of Non-profit Corporations Organized Prior to 1911." (H. P. 150) (L. D. 214)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Use of Certain Government Bonds in Place of Retention of Payments Due Contractor in State Contracts." (H. P. 631) (L. D. 887)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees, Compensation, Trust Accounts and Criminal Offenses Under Real Estate Law." (H. P. 714) (L. D. 1009)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, As Amended, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government for Town of Skowhegan." (H. P. 800) (L. D. 1209)

Mr. Albair of Aroostook presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption. Senate Amendment "A", Filing S-181, was read by the Secretary as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 800, L. D. 1209, Bill "An Act Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government for Town of Skowhegan."

Amend said Bill in the title by inserting before the period at the end the following words 'and Increasing Compensation of Councillors of Town of Ashland'

Further amend said Bill by centering above the first line after the enacting clause the underlined word and figure 'Chapter 1'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the Referendum at the end and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. Chapter 1 of this Act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Skowhegan at any regular or special election or state-wide election held before 1970. Warrants shall be issued for such election in the manner now provided by law for the holding of municipal elections, notifying and warning the qualified voters of said town to meet in said town, there to cast their ballots on the approval or

rejection of Chapter 1 of this Act. Failure of approval by the legal voters of the Town of Skowhegan at any such election shall not prevent its submission at subsequent elections held before 1970.

The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of Chapter 1 of this Act to the following question: "Shall an Act Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government for the Town of Skowhegan, passed by the 103rd Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. Chapter 1 of this Act shall take effect for the purpose of nominating and electing officers thereunder immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election, and for all other purposes Chapter 1 of this Act shall take effect immediately following the first election held under the provisions of this charter following the approval of Chapter 1 of this Act.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Skowhegan and due certificates thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

Chapter 2

P. & S. L., 1935, c. 12, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 12 of the private and special laws of 1935 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. Compensation. Each councilor shall receive \$5 per diem when actually engaged in the performance of his duty as councilor, and his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties outside of such meetings, these expenses to be paid by the town treasurer.

Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted, and the Bill, As Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Buildings for Education Programs for Retarded Children No Longer Used for the Purpose." (H. P. 431) (L. D. 595)

Bill "An Act Relating to Care of Indigent Adult Males at Jeffer-

son Men's Camp." (H. P. 951) (L. D. 1382)

Bill "An Act Relating to Acceptance of State and Federal Grants." (H. P. 1046) (L. D. 1518)

Bill "An Act Relating to Complaints and Violations Under Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act." (H. P. 511) (L. D. 724)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed, As Amended, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Snow Removal from State Highways." (S. P. 658) (L. D. 1671)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Meetings of the Advisory Council of the Department of Economic Development." (S. P. 86) (L. D. 167)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Issuing of Parking System Revenue Bonds and Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, by Municipalities." (S. P. 541) (L. D. 1398)

(On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, tabled, unassigned, pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill, "An Act Eliminating Tolls from Bridge Across Jonesport Reach." (S. P. 335) (L. D. 868)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Reimbursement to Towns for Construction of and Snow Removal from Highways." (S. P. 360) (L. D. 957)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate - As Amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Notice of Legislative Hearings." (S. P. 347) (L. D. 931)

Bill, "An Act Regulating Snow Traveling Vehicles." (S. P. 654) (L. D. 1666)

Bill, "An Act to Provide a Feasibility Study for Express Highway Through Washington County." (S. P. 519) (L. D. 1339)

Which were 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 to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws Related to Sea and Shore Fisheries. (H. P. 242) (L. D. 350)

An Act Relating to Right of Entry and Inspection of Nursing Homes and Boarding Homes. (H. P. 406) (L. D. 572)

An Act Appropriating Funds to Expand Homemaker Services in the Department of Health and Welfare. (H. P. 440) (L. D. 615)

(On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

An Act Relating to Approval of Secondary Schools. (S. P. 401) (L. D. 1032)

An Act Relating to Construction of Public Camp Sites by the Forest Commissioner. (S. P. 502) (L. D. 1217)

An Act Relating to the Computation of Secondary School Tuition. (H. P. 979) (L. D. 1421)

An Act Relating to List of Prospective Jurors and Selection of Jurors. (S. P. 620) (L. D. 1612)

An Act Relating to Allowance for Widows of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court. (H. P. 1138) (L. D. 1620)

(On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

An Act Creating a State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board. (S. P. 643) (L. D. 1648)

(On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

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

(On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

Orders Of The Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 908) (L. D. 1318) House Report Ought Not to Pass from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act

Relating to Sunday Sale of Liquor." Minority Report, Ought to Pass in New Draft under same title (H. P. 1158) (L. D. 1655) Tabled May 17, 1967 by Senator Boisvert of Androscoggin, pending Motion by Senator Beckett of Washington to Accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boisvert.

Mr. BOISVERT of Androscoggin: Mr. President, Members of the Senate: I rise in opposition to the motion of Senator Beckett from Washington for the acceptance of the Majority Report. For many weeks now we have heard of the needs of the people of the State of Maine. We have heard of the needs in education. We have heard the needs of labor, and, most important, we have heard the needs to finance the State of Maine programs. Many measures have come before you which I think were progressive legislation.

This bill before you now is a redraft by the Minority Members of the Committee on Liquor Control. I believe that this is a good bill. It is a reasonable bill; it is a moderate bill.

You have heard a comparison of the last Sunday bill which was passed by the 1965 Legislature, and then eventually defeated in referendum. For many weeks after the referendum everybody was in doubt whether or not the opposition had won its case. Out of 200,000 votes, finally it was established that the law passed by the 1965 Legislature was defeated.

We talk about the economy of the State of Maine. We talk about the needs of the State, and as you well know, within the next two years or four years we will be faced with a \$300,000,000 dollar budget. Most of the time, when we have a bill, a good bill, that would create revenue, it is defeated. This bill would certainly create revenue for the State of Maine, and revenues are badly needed. Tourism in this State is our biggest industry, and we want this to grow, and we would like to see the tourists to be at home, to have the same privilege that they have at home, and I do

believe that this legislation should be passed. It would be progress.

I do not consider this a moral or religious issue, and I will not debate this statement, and if you will permit me I would like to quote from an editorial. "Maine will continue to be an arid island on Sunday as to whether its visiting tourists would like to have a cocktail with their dinners or not. Once again the prohibitionist spirit has succeeded in keeping the State tied to a remnant of an era long gone." Another quote, "The 1966 referendum was referred to in the house in house debate, with each side drawing conclusions favoring its position. The popular balloting was so close that it took weeks to ascertain the results. There are valid reasons to believe that the moderate bill which the legislature refused to pass would have been approved by the voters of the state. The net result is that Maine will continue to be behind the times." And I certainly agree with the editorial. I hope that the motion by Senator Beckett from Washington does not prevail, and I will ask a division on it.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON from Hancock: Mr. President, and Members of the Senate: I rise in support of the motion of the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, Ought Not to Pass. Just fourteen months ago the people of this State went to the polls and voted on this measure. I think it would be a slap in the face to the people if we override this mandate. They told us they do not want liquor sold on Sunday. The people of my county voted two to one against it. Some may argue that the vote would have been different if beer and ale had not been on the bill. However, I notice that in many places in the state where all that is sold is beer and ale, and no class "A" restaurants are available, these places went almost 100 per cent against the sale on Sunday. The vote would probably have been stronger against Sunday sales in these areas if beer and ale had been left off.

I support the idea that the people of Maine are opposed to the whole business of selling on Sunday. Also I don't think the resort areas are too interested at this time. While I notice many beer and ale lobbyists working for this bill. I don't see Vacationland Incorporated here or any other hard liquor lobby.

If the tourists were demanding it, why is that right after we got national publicity for killing the sale on Sunday we had the biggest tourist season on record. Let's knock this thing out now and get on with our other business. I certainly support the motion of the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, Ought not to Pass. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett.

Mr. BECKETT of Washington: Mr. President, this meeting that we had was the biggest meeting that we had before the Liquor Control of all the bills before us. We had the largest room in the State Office Building. It was filled to overflowing, many out in the hall. There were very few proponents, and I think it is fair to say that each and every proponent had a special interest, Vacationland, hotels, ski areas, and such. There were about five or six spoke on it. The rest were all opponents, although there was probably not more than 20 that spoke.

I think it has been brought out on the last vote, and it was close, but I think it should be considered that of the 16 counties that voted on it, 12 of them voted dry. Two of them voted wet by a very small margin, and two of them voted wet by a fair margin. So I don't think that even though the vote was close it was an indication of the desire of the people to stay dry. The ought to pass report, it might be interesting to know, was signed by four members, three of which come from one city in the State of Maine.

I think that this bill would not be a good bill for the state. I don't believe it will increase our tourists. That has been one of the big arguments, that it would

increase our tourists, but last year our tourists increased by leaps and bounds. It might just be possible that tourists come to the State of Maine to get into an area where Sunday liquor isn't available and the accompanying a d d i t i o n a l hazards of the highway.

I ask the Senate to join with me in my original motion of Ought Not to Pass, the Majority Report, and I ask a division

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Ross.

Mr. ROSS of Piscataquis: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I have heard reference made to the closeness of the vote. In my particular county, in all honesty, I have got to tell you I was astounded at the vote that opposed the sale of liquor on Sunday. In one particular section, I won't mention the section by name, but they take more than an occasional social glass; they are a heavy drinking section, and I could have lost a lot of money to a reporter. He asked me how the vote would go and I said it would go overwhelmingly wet. It voted three to one against Sunday sales.

And strictly from a highway safety standpoint too, I guess I am still a member of the Highway Safety Committee, I know that the more booze is sold the more accidents we will have, and I have to support the Ought Not to Pass motion.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Farley.

Mr. FARLEY of York: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: My vote will be with the Senator from Androscoggin County. The Senator has spoken from Washington County, Senator Beckett, in reference to the last vote in the City of Biddeford with reference to the wet and the dry issue.

I am a native of the City of Biddeford, and I think I am the driest man who is here in this Senate this morning, but I resent anyone taking a rap like they did at the City of Biddeford because they have voted the way they did.

They have a right to vote that way. The City of Biddeford is as fine a city as there is in the State of Maine, bar none. Sure they drink. A lot of people drink. Some of them drink the whole seven days a week. They drink their share, don't let anyone fool anyone here. I would hate to think that I drank liquor six days a week and would stand up and vote dry. I just couldn't do that.

I have never spoken on a liquor bill in my life before, but I have to this morning because I heard Biddeford all over the hall at the hearing. And I say to you gentlemen that the City of Biddeford is as fine a city as there is in the State of Maine, and I hope you search your conscience and live up to what you do, and support the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin County.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Stern.

Mr. STERN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I usually don't like to get involved in deals other than legal, as I have stated before, but I probably could get up here and support the good Senator from Androscoggin and the good Senator from York, in support of this Minority Ought to Pass Report. Seeing that I don't drink I can't be criticized too strongly.

I feel that there is something that has just come to my attention that I should bring to the attention of this particular body. While the rest of you are busily attending to your docket and listening to the arguments I have been reading the newspaper. And I read the newspaper this morning, and on the front page of the News there is an article that indicates that the panel, that is the Judiciary, the Committee is likely to favor this implied consent law. I am assuming for the moment that this is true because they quote Senator Rodney Ross who has already indicated that he reportedly has gathered more than twenty votes in the thirty-four seats in the Senate in favor of the amended bill. Well, this looks as though we are going to have an implied con-

sent law. And if we are going to have an implied consent law, why can't we have our drink on Sunday, why can't we let the tourists enjoy themselves, and get the added revenue which the State needs so much without fear

I think that one of the great reasons that the people voted closely against the Sunday bill was because of the accidents, because of the many drunken drivers that we have. Now that this bill apparently is going to pass we are going to take care of all these drivers who drink too much, apparently, I feel that with this new legislation coming out, and apparently it is going to pass, this gives us food for thought, and we ought to consider our action whereby the State will get its needed revenue. The drunken driver will be curbed by this wonderful implied consent law that apparently is going to be passed.

The State, the southern counties of our State are going to be benefited, as well as some of the counties in areas in our particular district.

I have received a great deal of telegrams this morning and people have called me and asked me to support the right to have these Class "A" restaurants and hotels to be permitted to have Sunday liquor. So with this new bill that is coming up, the more stringent regulation we are going to have to control anybody who drinks to excess. I feel that this is the time, under these new circumstances, to permit the sale of Sunday liquor.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett.

Mr. BECKETT of Washington: Mr. President, I don't follow along very well, I am not a legal man, I don't follow the good Senator Stern's argument about the implied consent. They got to get the liquor first. If we kill this bill we won't have liquor on Sunday, and we won't have to enforce the implied consent law. I think it would be much better.

Apparently he is referring to the implied consent in conjunction with

the Sunday liquor law. If we don't have the Sunday liquor law and liquor is not available on Sunday, we won't have to use the implied consent bill. I think it is much better, instead of pinching somebody and taking the test after they have killed two or three people, that if we didn't have it, if the liquor wasn't available on Sunday, this thing wouldn't have happened.

He also mentioned the hotels. This is one of the greatest problems we had in our hearing, to determine a hotel. Now, what is a hotel? A hotel is any place with ten rooms. I think every lady and gentleman in this Senate knows where there are some pretty bad hotels. This would open up the very undesirable type of a hotel. Senator Stern, I can think of one or two, I can think of some in my own local area, which are not Grade "A" Hotels. And there isn't any such a thing as a good hotel or a bad hotel under the liquor laws, and I would hate to see in my town where we would have a hotel in the middle of the street, having them pouring out of there on Sunday afternoon and a good many of my good friends, the Indians and Squaws would be in there. I again ask the Majority Ought Not to Pass vote be accepted.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Hoffses.

Mr. HOFFSES of Knox: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: There are many of these distinguished Senators who have spoken today that have been getting in their commercial and I would like to get in my commercial, if I may.

I am representing Knox County, the biggest little county in the State. That county is, I am proud to say, a great tourist attraction county. The vote in that county in this referendum which has been referred to was roughly three to one in opposition to this Sunday liquor. Therefore, I would question the closeness of this vote which has been referred to here today.

Now we have a great many summer people in this big little county of mine, and I have

not seen any of them suffering too severely from lack of liquid to sustain their life. I do not believe that in that county that the people are really and truly suffering because this bill, which is before us today, has failed of passage in the past, and I do not believe that they will suffer too severely if we continue to vote against this bill. And as a member of this Senate, and representing the people of Knox County, I would like to go on record in opposition to this L. D. and in support of the good Senator from Washington County, that we accept the Ought Not to Pass Report. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS of Penobscot; Mr. President and Members of the Senate: As a member of the Liquor Control Committee, I voted ought not to pass on this Bill for several reasons. First, there is very little support for the Bill other than the two paid lobbyists, and there were many in opposition at the hearing, as you have been told. I still haven't seen or heard of much support for this Bill. My mail and telegrams have been running twenty to one in opposition to this Bill.

Secondly, we recently had a referendum and the State killed it.

Three, the local option idea was killed there only a short time ago. We felt it was detrimental to the welfare of the State then, so why revive it now?

Four, this Bill would open up all the hotels in Maine that are licensed for the sale on Sunday.

Fifth, when you see long lines of people on a Sunday waiting to be served in a restaurant in Kittery, just a mile from New Hampshire, it makes me wonder just how valid is the statement that we are losing business to New Hampshire because we lack Sunday sale of liquor.

Sixth, this Bill is just for a privileged class.

Seventh, twelve counties have voted against it. At the hearing I

heard considerably about the ski resorts. I have been traveling with the ski teams for over forty years and coaching them, and one thing I detest is to have the skier where the sale of liquor is going on. And on Sunday in Maine we have been privileged by not having to run into that. We were told at the hearing that if they were allowed the sale of Sunday liquor, the ski resorts would probably wait until after skiing was over late in the afternoon. If that is true, the people would be tired after skiing, they have many miles to drive, some times through snow, over ice, and I do not think that would be safe or good business at all.

And while the consent law—I will favor that when it comes along, but I think that might be after effect. I think we want to protect the people during the day. Six days a week, I believe, is enough; the seventh, let's leave it as it is. And I hope that you all will support Senator Beckett, and the rest of our Committee in the Majority, Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington; Mr. President and Members of the Senate: There are two points I would like to emphasize or re-emphasize, I agree with the good Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis; my mail has been as has his mail, one hundred per cent against this, and I have had a lot of mail on it. The other point, I think that is important, is that we have referred this to the people and the people have spoken, and I would hope that we would concur with the decision made by the voters of Maine in the last special election.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

MR. BERRY of Cumberland; Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I believe that the situation has been unintentionally clouded by the opponents of this measure with continued reference to the referendum, the past referendum.

First I would like to point out that the past referendum did include with it the so-called beer provision. I know that many of us in the 102nd Legislature were very much opposed to the inclusion of this. However, at that time it was either the whole package, the Sunday Liquor Bill for the hotels, the Class "A" restaurants and the clubs, and we had to swallow the take-out beer provision, or the entire package was dead, and many of us had a great many misgivings on the subject. The referendum that went to the people did have the beer take-out provision. Many people are of the firm belief that this killed the bill.

This bill has no beer take-out provision in it. Now it has one other most important provision, and that is that this bill goes to the people of the State of Maine for acceptance or rejection in its entirety. Then each community, in addition to voting on it to accept or reject L. D. 1655, each community must vote separately on the three questions for the serving of liquor on Sunday in hotels, Class "A" restaurants and clubs. It seems to me that we being very, very fair. We are returning to the people for their opinion again, shorn of the beer provision, a good, clean, Sunday liquor bill. Let's give them the right to accept or reject it.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Mrs. Sproul.

Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: In answer to the Senator from Cumberland, I would merely say that if we committed this Bill to the people, I would feel that I had lent my consent to it, and this I do not want to do. I am against the Sunday sale of liquor. I come from a vacation area, or what is classed as a vacation area, which is doing very well, as far as I can see, in its vacation and recreation business. The only town which has ever questioned my vote on Sunday sales is Boothbay Harbor, and Boothbay Harbor still does a tremendous business on Sunday in spite of this liquor problem. The last vote was three to two against the sale of Sunday liquor. Sunday is my Sabbath, I know it is not

everyone's Sabbath and I respect that, but it is mine, and for that reason I do not like to vote for the Sunday sale of liquor. And another reason: I enjoy being with young people. I think that they at least tolerate my company, and I just couldn't go home and look them in the face and feel that I voted for this Bill. I oppose it.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett.

Mr. BECKETT of Washington: Mr. President, I don't know if all the Senators realize how much more burden this is going to put on the voter. We have had many discussions here about simplifying the ballot by doing this and doing that. This will create three more questions on an already too long ballot on liquor questions. I think there are presently now nine or ten, and this will add three more questions. I think the people are enough confused now. With this additional one, it is going to make it more confusing and harder for the people to go vote.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Snow.

Mr. SNOW of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: If my recollection is correct, the vote in Cumberland County at the last referendum was in favor of the sale of liquor on Sunday. So I would feel a responsibility to vote in accordance with their wishes.

I would like to respond briefly to the remarks of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis, with respect to skiing. I would gather that he has been busy skiing when he has gone to the skiing slopes and did not observe that there are many people who go not to ski, but to be seen and to relax.

Now, finally I would like to note that we all have on our desks this morning bags of Cumberland County potatoes from the town of Cape Elizabeth. I have not heard any comment on this. I assume they represent the honoring of a promise made to us some months ago by the good Senator from Cumberland, and also from Cape Elizabeth, Senator Berry. These Cumberland County potatoes

I have been informed, have a much higher content, at least as to the production of alcohol, than do the potatoes from the County of Aroostook. And I think you will find when the vote is taken the Senators from Aroostook will probably vote dry. This may be one of the explanations. And Senator Berry and I would note that if this Bill fails of passage you still have this bag of potatoes, and we from Cumberland County guarantee that the results are very good.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, asks consent of the Senate to address the Senate the fourth time. Does the Chair hear objection? Hearing none, the Senator may proceed.

Mr. BECKETT of Washington: Mr. President, I just want to make a comment now that I didn't understand and I didn't know that my very good friend, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, was going to oppose this so vigorously. But now I understand why, apparently I am the only Senator who didn't receive a bag of potatoes.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Hoffses.

Mr. HOFFSES of Knox: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would only rise to respond to the remarks of the very distinguished Senator from Cumberland, Senator Snow. There are those people who go to the ski areas to ski, true. There are those who go to relax, as he has said. I might remind that good Senator that those people are sometimes referred to as Ski Bunnies.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes.

Mr. BARNES of Aroostook: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I didn't plan to participate in the discussion of the Sunday sale of liquor, but I rise to resent a little bit tying the good thought of potatoes in with the Sunday sale of liquor. I can't see that there is any connection.

I have a confession to make this morning. I am one of those Senators that does take an occasional cocktail under the right circum-

stances and right conditions, and I make no excuses for that. I oppose the Sunday sale of liquor, and I am going to vote against it. And for the benefit and information of my good friend from York, Senator Farley, I do this with a clear conscience. I think six days a week is enough time to sell and consume hard liquor. And I think if we have to resort to selling liquor on Sunday to bring revenue to finance the program of the State, I think we are in a sad state of affairs indeed. And so I rise in support of the motion of the good Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, and I hope that many of the Senators will join us in voting against this bill. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Girard.

Mr. GIRARD of Androscoggin: Mr. President, as one of the bad guys from Lewiston I wish to state that I am going to vote with Senator Boisvert and Senator Berry for the Sunday Bill. I think it is a good Bill. It is a temperate Bill, and I am a temperate man.

Now, I have heard the good Senators from other counties, especially tourist counties, and they are against Sunday sales; this is their privilege. But if they could prove to me that they could take away all the liquor that is being drunk there on Sunday, I would vote against the Bill. Nevertheless, these tourists that come there and the people that live there are still drinking on Sunday. Now, they might get it from New Hampshire, they might bring it from there because they know that in Maine they can't buy it, they can't have a drink or cocktail in the restaurant or the hotel, but nevertheless, the liquor is being consumed. Now when we say there is no liquor consumed on Sunday, this is an error. There is plenty of liquor consumed on Sunday. I think it is a logical thing that, if they are going to do it, why not control it and get some benefit out of it. I am for Sunday, to observe Sunday and I think I am a religious man just like the other fellow, but I think this is a logical way of doing things; that if somebody is going to have a drink they will have it

on Sunday regardless, Saturday or Friday. And I can tell you that these tourists that come to these places have plenty of liquor for Sunday. So I will vote for the liquor bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Stern.

Mr. STERN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I don't know what I am doing getting on my feet here arguing against support of this Majority Report Ought Not to Pass, because I do a heck of a lot of business from people who illegally drink on Sunday.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question is on the motion of the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, that the Senate now accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod.

Mr. MacLEOD of Penobscot: Mr. President, I respectfully ask permission of the Senate to be allowed to pair my vote with the Senator from Oxford, Senator Norris. Senator Norris is unable to be here because of a death in the family. If he were here he would vote to accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee. I would vote against accepting the Ought to Pass Report.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Chair hear objections? Hearing none, the Senator may be excused from voting.

The pending question is on the motion of the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, that the Senate now accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee. The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boisvert, has requested that the vote be taken by division.

As many Senators as are in favor of accepting the Ought Not to Pass Report will now stand and remain standing until counted. Those opposed to the motion will now stand and remain standing until counted.

A division was had. Seventeen Senators having voted in the affirmative, and thirteen Senators having voted in the negative, the Ought Not to Pass Report was accepted in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 1155) (L. D. 1652) Bill "An Act Providing State Scholarships for Higher Education." Tabled May 17 by Senator MacLeod of Penobscot, pending Passage to be Engrossed. Thereupon, the Senate voted to pass the bill to be engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the third tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 1047) (L. D. 1519) Bill "An Act Increasing Fees for Sheriffs and Deputies." Tabled May 17 by Senator Ferguson of Oxford, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Oxford, the Senate voted to Pass the bill to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the fourth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 611) (L. D. 854) House Report from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Charging Fees for Services to Persons Acting as Subjects for Student Instruction and Training in Beauty Schools." Majority Report, Ought to Pass; Minority Report, Ought Not to Pass. Tabled May 18 by Senator Stern of Penobscot, pending Acceptance of Either Report.

Mr. Hoffses of Knox moved that this item be retabled and specially assigned for Friday, May 26.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Stern.

Mr. STERN of Penobscot: Mr. President, may I, through the Chair, inquire whether or not the good Senator from Knox could assign this for some other date than Friday?

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of the Senator from Knox, Senator Hoffses, that this matter be tabled and specially assigned for Friday, May 26. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Ross.

Mr. ROSS of Piscataquis: Mr. President, before the Western Union declares another dividend, I would like to request a division on this please.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Ross, has moved that the vote be taken by a division.

As many as are in favor of tabling this matter until Friday, May 26, will stand and remain standing until counted. Those opposed to the motion will now stand and remain standing until counted.

A division was had. 17 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to table until Friday, May 26, did not prevail.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, tabled and specially assigned for Thursday, May 25.

The President laid before the Senate the fifth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 1159) (L. D. 1656) Bill "An Act Relating to Powers of Administrative Hearing Commissioner Concerning Minors Under the Liquor Laws." Tabled May 18, 1967 by Senator Harding of Aroostook, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Harding.

Mr. HARDING: of Aroostook: Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This Bill troubles me as an attorney. As you know, the responsibilities of the Administrative Hearing Commissioner is to decide whether a license should be revoked or not. And in this case under this amendment he is given quite wide additional powers. Among them is the power to punish for contempt. He is also given the power of subpoena to compel the attendance of parents and legal guardians of unemancipated minors.

I am fearful that what is being brought in here is trying to make the Administrative Hearing Commissioner another juvenile court. Now, if our minors are in trouble with the law we do have a juvenile court and we have juvenile proceedings, and it seems to me that is where these matters ought to be taken up. And to give the Administrative Hearing Commissioner the power to punish for contempt without the right of appeal

and without some very stringent rules, I think, is a very dangerous precedent. I know that all of us would be disturbed if one of our children were brought before this Administrative Hearing Commissioner thinking that his testimony was to relate to the purchase of some liquor from a licensee in violation and then we found out that our child had been sentenced to jail for contempt without any prescribed method of appeal.

Now it could be that the Bill could be revoked and the objective that was to be obtained, perhaps could be, but under its present form, I think it is very dangerous and I therefore move that it be indefinitely postponed.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Harding, moves that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett.

Mr. BECKETT of Washington: Mr. President, this is another bill that caused much concern on the Liquor Control. It was probably the finest meeting that we had of any that we held. Mr. Robinson, the administrator for the Liquor Control came to the meeting not as a proponent or as an opponent but with suggestions that we thought would not be a judgment to the minors, but would in some way assist us, and get a little more of a parent interest in the minors. I know what I am about to say is only what is related to me by Mr. Robinson, and I have known him for many, many years and I believe what he says to be true; that these minors with regard to purchasing and securing, purchasing beer, are playing a game. If they can in any way by forged documents, birth certificates, draft cards, drivers' license cards, or anything of the sort, forged documents; if they can obtain liquor from the store they think they have won that issue. So these licensees are brought before the court and are proved they are in violation. They have to subpoena these minors to testify against them. Now, if Mr. Robinson's information that he gave us is correct, these minors in many cases are most arrogant.

Although he informs them of their rights very thoroughly and often more than once, they will take the Fifth Amendment. They do not seem to realize that they are in a court, but just as long as they can beat the game and get some beer illegally, they think they have won. They don't want to squeal, they don't want to rat on the fellow that sold to them.

Now, the original bill that we had before the court was to increase and make mandatory this time of suspension of the licensee. Mr. Robinson didn't believe this was good because there are many licensees who have the best of intentions, but because of these flagrant violations of the law that the minors do make, and I say some minors, in the use of these fraudulent cards, once in a while they do get caught and Mr. Robinson didn't think that it should be mandatory that each case should be handled more or less with the judgment of the presiding officer. So we struck out that part, and he was very much in favor of having the parents of the minors subpoenaed into court so that they think there is any intention here to hurt the standing of the minors but to get more parental jurisdiction and have them take a little more interest in the youth and might save some bad accidents. would know that the minor was out buying beer. Other than this they may never know it.

I don't think there is any intention here to hurt the standing of the minors, but to get more parental jurisdiction and have them take a little more interest in the youth and might save some bad accidents. In this hearing practically everybody got up and spoke.

There was an automobile accident recently where five were killed and beer was found in the car. This bill, I would be glad if it could be worked out to be more acceptable to the legal people, so it would be perfectly all right, but I think the intent of the law is good, and it is only to make a little more parental discipline.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question is the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator

Harding, that this Bill, Item 5, be indefinitely postponed. As many as are in favor of indefinite postponement will say yes. Those opposed no. The Chair is in doubt.

As many as are in favor of the motion to indefinitely postpone will stand and remain standing until counted. A division was had. Ten Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the sixth tabled and today assigned matter (S. P. 367) (L. D. 962) Senate Report from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Providing for the Administration of a Major Medical Insurance Program for State Employees." Majority Report, Ought Not to Pass; Minority Report, Ought to Pass. Tabled May 19, 1967 by Senator Wyman of Washington, pending Acceptance of Either Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: The majority of the Committee on State Government, seven members, voted to report this Bill out Ought Not to Pass. The public hearing on this measure developed that it was not well written. For example, some of the Bill's language involves the general life insurance laws and do not relate to health or medical insurance. Only major medical coverage is contained in this Bill, and without a base coverage position it cannot serve the purpose for which it was intended.

State employees would be required to pay the full cost of major medical, and those that I have been in touch with believe that any such legislation should contain a provision for the state to help pick up some of the cost.

The seven committee members who voted against this measure felt that this is not the session to consider such legislation, especially in the form in which it is required.

I therefore urge the members of the Senate to support the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee, and I so move.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, moves that the Senate now accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass report of the Committee. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, this Bill was put in so that members of State employees would not be required to join either a union or the M.S.E.A. to be able to purchase this medical insurance, this major medical insurance. I have had some further information since this Bill was put in. I believe the purpose and intent of the Bill was good. But I have found out that in the last few days that if this Bill does pass, it will require that the present policy be completely rewritten by the company that has it at the present time, and the rates will probably double. I would feel that on this basis at this time I would concur with the Senate's Ought Not to Pass Report.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the motion of the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, that the Senate accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee. As many as are in favor of accepting the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report will say yes. Those opposed no. The motion prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the seventh tabled and today assigned matter (S. P. 640) (L. D. 1646) Bill "An Act Providing for the Purchase of Land by the Seed Potato Board." Tabled May 23 by Senator Barnes of Aroostook, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

Mr. Barnes of Aroostook presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing S-183 was read by the Secretary as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 640, L. D. 1646, Bill "An Act Providing for the Purchase of Land by the Seed Potato Board."

Amend said Bill in the 3rd line (2nd line in L. D. 1646) by striking out the figure "\$125,000" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$100,000'

Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted, and the Bill "As Amended, Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the eighth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 1147) (L. D. 1638) Bill "An Act Relating to the Financing of the State Liquor Commission." Tabled May 23 by Senator Wyman of Washington, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, retabled and specially assigned for Friday, May 26.

The President laid before the Senate the ninth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 1509) House Reports from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Creating the Maine Board of Auctioneers." Majority Report, Ought Not to Pass; Minority Report, Ought to Pass. Tabled May 23 by Senator Katz of Kennebec, pending Acceptance of Either Report.

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, retabled and specially assigned for Friday, May 26, pending Acceptance of Either Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President, I would like to ask a parliamentary question.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may ask the question.

Mr. WYMAN: Would it be in order to reconsider the action on Item 8 which I retabled to May 26.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise the Senator that this is in order.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby Item 8, "An Act Relating to the Financing of the State Liquor Commission" (L. D. 1638) was retabled and specially assigned to Friday, May 26.

Then the same Senator moved to be retabled and specially assigned Item 8 until June 3rd.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, I move this item be tabled until Tuesday next.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will advise the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson, that the motion is out of order because the previous motion calls for a longer period of tabling.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I would request a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator calls for a division vote.

Thereupon, Mr. Wyman of Washington was granted permission to withdraw his motion to table and specially assign for June 3rd.

Then on motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, June 1st.

The President laid before the Senate the tenth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 192) (L. D. 281) House Report Ought Not to Pass from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Prohibiting the Destruction of Political Posters and Signs." Tabled May 23 by Senator Mills of Franklin, pending Acceptance of Report.

On motion by Mr. MacLeod of Penobscot, retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, May 25, pending Acceptance of Report.

The President laid before the Senate the eleventh tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 33) (L. D. 53) Bill, "An Act Relating to Assistant County Attorneys." Tabled May 23 by Senator Johnson of Somerset, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, retabled and specially assigned for Friday, May 26, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the twelfth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 215) (L. D. 305) House Report from the Committee on Election Laws on Bill, "An Act Relating to Appli-

cations for and Marking of Absentee Ballots."

Majority Report, Ought Not to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A", Filing H-108; Minority Report, Ought Not to Pass. Tabled May 23 by Senator Ferguson of Oxford, pending motion by Senator Anderson of Hancock to Indefinitely Postpone Bill and Reports.

On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Oxford, retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, May 25, pending the motion by Senator Anderson of Hancock to Indefinitely Postpone Bill and Reports.

The President laid before the Senate the thirteenth tabled and today assigned matter (S. P. 157) (L. D. 328) Senate Reports from the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Tandem Trailers." Majority Report, Ought Not to Pass; Minority Report, Ought to Pass with New Draft. Tabled May 23, by Senator Johnson of Somerset, pending motion by Senator Ferguson of Oxford to Accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Franklin, retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, May 25, pending the motion by Mr. Ferguson of Oxford to Accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report.

The President laid before the Senate the fourteenth tabled and today assigned matter (S. P. 400) (L. D. 1031) Bill, "An Act to Provide for Practical Nursing Course at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute." Tabled May 23 by Senator Johnson of Somerset, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Cumberland, retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, May 25, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the fifteenth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 29) (L. D. 50) House Report Ought Not to Pass from the Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Reimbursement of Fuel Tax for Miles Traveled on Maine Turnpike." Tabled May 23 by Senator Remy of York, pending Motion by

Senator Ferguson of Oxford to Accept the Ought Not to Pass Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Reny.

Mr. RENY Of York: Mr. President, I would like to offer Senate Amendment "A" to this bill, and I hope that the pending motion will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the motion of the Senator from Oxford, Senator Ferguson, that the Senate accept the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

As many as are in favor to accept the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee will say "Yes"; Those opposed "No".

A viva voce vote being had, the motion to accept the Ought Not to Pass Report prevailed.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSON: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This particular bill would or should have had serious consideration if a gas tax increase had been passed this session. It is my understanding at the time there will be no gas tax this year.

Basically, I think that one of the problems with this turnpike is the fact that the people who use the turnpike from Kittery to Portland are the ones who are actually subsidizing the reduction of the bonds on the complete turnpike. The amount of traffic from Portland to Augusta is not large, and it would seem to me that if these bonds were to be paid off faster than they are, it is possible, and I believe the good Senator from Oxford, Senator Ferguson, brought the point home at the time this bill was tabled when he said that there would be so much traffic on the turnpike that they would be bumping and having rear end accidents at the tolls. As far as I was concerned at that time, I would feel that that would be wonderful because I felt very much that there would be accidents, but at least it is an indication that these bonds would be paid off a lot faster than they are today.

Number two, I think it is the feeling of those people that realize what might happen in 1972, when the federal highway program is complete, it would be my feeling at that time that the federal government will come in and purchase or pay off that part of the bonds from Kittery to Portland, and then use the rest of 95 to go up to Augusta without using that part of the turnpike from Portland to Augusta. It seems to me that the State will be stuck at that time with a subsidy to pay the bonds off that were left on that part of the turnpike from Portland to Augusta. I would think that if any of you gentlemen come back to this august body, I feel that serious consideration should be given to rebate to vehicles using this turnpike.

The President laid before the Senate the sixteenth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 76) (L. D. 101) House Report Ought To Pass in New Draft under same Title (H. P. 1110) (L. D. 1577) from the Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Disposition of Tax on Transient Rentals Under Sales Tax Law." Tabled May 23 by Senator Albair of Aroostook, pending Acceptance of Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Albair.

Mr. ALBAIR of Aroostook: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This redraft of L. D. 1575, this L. D. was 101, the Committee came out with a redraft and the redraft is not very clear inasmuch as one of the paragraphs mentions dedicated revenue and also the last part of the L. D., the last paragraph refers to general fund money. If this became law, it is very conceivable that under the last paragraph, and I will quote: "At the close of each fiscal year, there shall be appropriated from the general fund an amount sufficient to restore the tourism promotion fund to \$50,000." I could probably see very easily where at the end of every year, it wouldn't be a \$50,000 appropriation; it would be a \$100,000 appropriation, and not only with the confusion of the redraft itself, but also the loss of

revenue. I would at this time move that this bill and all its papers be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Albair, moves that this bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

As many as are in favor of indefinite postponement will say "Yes"; those opposed "No".

A viva voce vote being had, the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill and accompanying papers prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate the seventeenth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 392) (L. D. 539) Bill, "An Act Providing for Paid Holidays for Municipal Employees of the City of Lewiston." Tabled May 23 by Senator Girard of Androscoggin, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Girard of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to Pass the Bill to be Engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the eighteenth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 124) (L. D. 150) Bill, "An Act Relating to Use of Dealer Registration Plates." Tabled May 23 by Senator Reny of York, pending Consideration.

On motion by Mr. Reny of York, retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, May 24, pending Consideration.

The President laid before the Senate the nineteenth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 89) (L. D. 186) House Report Ought to Pass from the Committee on Indian Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Compensation and Allowances for Members of the Indian Tribes at the Legislature." Tabled May 23 by Senator Curtis of Penobscot, pending Acceptance of Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS of Penobscot: Mr. President, due to the fact that Senator Norris is not with us this morning and he has Senate Amendment "A", and I am preparing one to have tomorrow morning and will have the copy here and all the

material, I would like to suggest that we postpone this until tomorrow morning, hoping Senator Norris will be with us.

On motion by Mr. Curtis of Penobscot, retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, May 25, pending Acceptance of Report.

The President laid before the Senate the twentieth tabled and today assigned matter (H. P. 650) (L. D. 903), "An Act Clarifying Compensation for Occupational Disease Under Workmen's Compensation Act." Tabled May 23, by Senator Good of Cumberland, pending Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" Filing H-217.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Good.

Mr. GOOD of Cumberland: Mr. President, there are two amendments pending. One pending adoption, Committee Amendment "A", H-217 and House Amendment "A" H-269. I will subsequently move indefinite postponement of both amendments and when the appropriate time comes, I will offer Senate Amendment "A" which encompasses both of these amendments on this very fine labor bill sponsored by the gentleman from Portland, Representative Conley.

On motion by Mr. Good of Cumberland, Committee Amendment "A", Filing H-217, was indefinitely postponed. House Amendment "A", Filing H-269 was read by the Secretary. On further motion by the same Senator, House Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

Then the same Senator offered Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing S-178, was read by the Secretary as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 650, L. D. 903, Bill, "An Act Clarifying Compensation for Occupational Disease Under Workmen's Compensation Act."

Amend said Bill in section 5 by adding at the end the following underlined sentence: **Compensation shall not be payable for incapacity by reason of occupational diseases unless such incapacity results within 2 years after the last**

injurious exposure to such disease in the employment.'

Further amend said Bill in section 6 in that part designated "§ 193." by striking out in the 3rd line (2nd line of L. D. 903) of subsection 4 the underlined figure "17" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "50". Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 7. R. S., T. 39, § 194, amended. Section 194 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 194. Silicosis

In the absence of evidence in favor of the claim, disability or death from silicosis shall be presumed not to be due to the nature of any occupation, unless during the 10 years immediately preceding the date of disability the employee has been exposed to the inhalation of silica dust over a period of not less than 2 years. If the employee shall have been employed by the same employer during the whole of such 2-year period, his right to compensation against such employer shall not be affected by the fact that he had been employed during any part of such period outside of this State.

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 7, a new section, as follows:

'Sec. 8. R. S., T. 39, § 194-A, additional. Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 194-A, to read as follows:

§ 194-A. Asbestosis

In the absence of evidence in favor of the claim, disability or death from asbestosis shall be presumed not to be due to the nature of any occupation, unless during the 15 years immediately preceding the date of disability the employee has been exposed to the inhalation of asbestos dust over a period of not less than 2 years. If the employee shall have been employed by the same employer during the whole of such 2-year period, his right to compensation against such employer shall not be affected by the fact that he had been employed during any part of such period outside of this State.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 8, 9 and 10 to be sections 9, 10 and 11.

Senate Amendment "A" was Adopted and, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was read a second time. Then the Bill, as Amended, was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, the Senate voted to recede and concur on Item 1-F, Resolve, Regulating Fishing on Part of Moose River, Somerset County. (S. P. 604) (L. D. 1587), which was tabled earlier in today's session.

Mr. Young of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. YOUNG: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: The President of the United States has proclaimed the week of May 21, as World Trade Week, with May 22nd, as National Maritime Day. Governor Curtis has proclaimed this week as "World Trade and Maritime Week in Maine".

Several events have already taken place, and several others have been scheduled to focus attention on Maritime Activities in the State of Maine.

I invite your attention to the new State of Maine Port Book that was placed on your desk today. This publication features Ports of Maine, and is sent to leading traffic and steamship officials, government leaders, United States and foreign trade and embassy officials. It receives world-wide distribution.

I also invite your attention to the new Maritime Exhibit that now stands on display in the State House. This new exhibit will go on display next week in the office of the United States Maritime Commission in Washington, D. C., and will then be used in shows throughout the country promoting the Maritime interests of the State of Maine.

The display has been arranged to promote Maritime Activities in the State of Maine, and features Maine Ports, The Maine Maritime

Academy, and the Maine World Trade Council.

The display is 14 feet long, and at its highest point stands 7 feet high.

The base counter top is an outline of the coast of Maine, with particular ports identified. This is painted on a transparent clear heavy plastic, and is illuminated from under the counter top with 3 fluorescent lights.

The display features ten photographs of 8 x 10 size, promoting world trade, Maine Maritime Academy, commercial ports, and industrial and recreational advantages on the Maine coast. The arrangement is such that the pictures can easily be removed, so that the display can be kept up to date. A special rack is provided so that Maine literature can be displayed.

The large center portion features an artist's drawing of port activities, and also includes a large model of a new Northeast Airline plane.

The new exhibit will be delivered next week for display in the office of the United States Maritime Commission in Washington, D. C.

The project was under the supervision of the Maine Port Authority and the Maine Department of Economic Development, and was designed and constructed by Mr. Bob Cardin, of Veazie, Maine. Thank You.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Good.

Mr. GOOD of Cumberland: Mr. President, I ask, for the purpose of making a motion to reconsider, if the Senate has in its possession at this time (L. D. 727), Resolve permitting R. Dean Sequin of South Paris to take the Examination for Admission to Practice Law?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair will advise that the Resolve is in the possession of the Senate.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Good.

Mr. GOOD of Cumberland: Mr. President, I now rise to make the motion to reconsider. This resolve

and the amendment were indefinitely postponed by this Senate, and I opposed the amendment. I was on the prevailing side because it was indefinitely postponed, and so I am in order to move to reconsider. I am not now in favor of the amendment that was indefinitely postponed, but I have been advised by Senator Mills that they wish to prepare another amendment which may or may not be acceptable, so if the Senate would reconsider its action at this time whereby this resolve was indefinitely postponed, it will give the Senator an opportunity to come up with an amendment which may be acceptable without committing ourselves at this time. It will be first of all necessary, however, to suspend the rules since the motion to reconsider was not made on that day or the succeeding legislative day on which the action was taken.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Good of Cumberland, and under suspension of the rules the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was indefinitely postponed.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills.

Mr. MILLS of Franklin: Mr. President, I move that the Senate recede.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair now recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Good.

Mr. GOOD of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would wish that Senator Mills would withdraw that motion. We have already reconsidered by receding from our former action whereby the resolve was indefinitely postponed. I think that what he intends to do at this time is to table for the purpose of preparing an amendment.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion from the Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills, that the Senate recede.

Mr. MILLS of Franklin: Mr. President, we are all hungry and it is getting late. Perhaps I did foul up and I certainly defer to the parliamentary technique of the learned Senator from Cumberland. I do wish to withdraw my motion.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills, now requests unanimous consent to withdraw his motion.

Thereupon, the motion to recede was withdrawn.

On further motion by the same Senator, the Resolve was tabled

until Thursday, May 25, pending consideration.

On motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.