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SENATE

Monday, June 26, 1967

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. David Glosker of Hallowell.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

**Papers from the House
Non-concurrent matters**

Bill "An Act to Establish Thirty-three Districts for the Election of Senators in the State of Maine and Report in Support Thereof." (S. P. 676) (L. D. 1709)

In Senate, June 20, Passed to be Engrossed.

Comes from the House Indefinitely Postponed, in non-concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Recreation Authority Law." (S. P. 682) (L. D. 1715)

In Senate, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-273)

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-273)

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-273) and by House Amendment "A" (H-466) in non-concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Conform the Statutes with the Amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure." (S. P. 428) (L. D. 1082)

In Senate, June 21, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended By Committee Amendment "A" (S-268) and by Senate Amendment "A" (S-284)

Comes from the House, Passed to be Engrossed As Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-284) in non-concurrence.

In Senate: Voted to Recede and Concur with the House.

Communication

State of Maine
Office of the Governor
Augusta, Maine

June 23, 1967

To the Honorable Senate and House Of Representatives of the 103rd Legislature:

After giving full consideration of the views of the Senate and House of Representatives, I am returning L. D. 936, An Act to Elect School Board of City of Old Town, without my signature.

I am asking that the Legislature either attach a clause requiring local referendum or that my veto be sustained.

One of the principles inherent in our successful democratic process is the preservation of "home rule" for our towns and cities. This act proposes a change in the election of local officials in the City of Old Town which is obviously controversial among the citizens of that city.

The existing procedure for electing members of the school board was approved by referendum in 1965, and the new school board was elected in December, 1966.

The Representative from the City of Old Town has requested that a referendum clause be attached A petition of over four hundred names supporting the referendum has been presented by citizens of the City of Old Town.

Therefore, I return this act without my signature since passage of such a controversial change without a clause providing for a local referendum constitutes a violation of local government procedures that have been historically accepted in the State of Maine.

Respectfully,

KENNETH M. CURTIS
Governor
(S. P. 705)

The PRESIDENT: The question now before the Senate is shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? According to the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the "Yeas" and "Nays". A vote of "Yes" will be in favor of the bill. A vote of "No" will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor. The

Chair will repeat this: a vote of "Yes" will be in favor of the bill. A vote of "No" will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor. Is the Senate ready for the question?

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, tabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, June 27, pending further consideration.

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, I present an Order and move its passage.

The Order was Read by the Secretary as follows:

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature be held at 1:30 p.m. today in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to his Excellency, Governor Kenneth M. Curtis, an invitation to attend the Convention and to address to the same such remarks as he may be pleased to make.

Which was Read and Passed.

Thereupon, the President designated the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson, to convey the message to the House.

(At Ease)

Called to Order by the President.

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, I have delivered the message with which I was charged.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair hears the report, and the Chair thanks the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

The Chair recognizes the gentlemen from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Cumberland: Mr. President, I am charged with a message to this Honorable Body to inform you that the House concurs in the proposition for a Joint Convention at 1:30 o'clock in the Hall of the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair hears the report, and the Chair thanks the messenger.

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

Mr. BERRY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would inquire if the Senate is in possession of L. D. 815, "An Act Establishing the Maine Planning Commission on Criminal Law Administration"?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will reply in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be enacted.

On further motion by the same Senator, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the Special Appropriations Table L. D. 1653, "An Act Improving Payment of Benefit under the Maine State Retirement System Law."

On further motion by the same Senator, and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

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

Mr. CURTIS of Penobscot: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would like to present Senate Amendment "A" to H. P. 1156, L. D. 1653.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing S-299, was read by the Secretary as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1156, L. D. 1653, Bill "An Act Improving Payment of Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System Law."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by adding at the end the following underlined sentence:

'The increased rate of contribution for service following July 1, 1967 shall be deducted from the salary payments made for the first full payroll period to all current members following the effective date of this Act, without retroactivity.'

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

Mr. CURTIS of Penobscot: Mr. President, I would like to speak briefly on this amendment. The effective date of the bill would be 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, and the date of the increased contributions would be July 1, 1967. Some language is needed in the bill to correct this inconsistency, and this amendment does provide this language. Thank you.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate Item 1-A on Page one of the Advanced Journal, tabled earlier in today's session by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod.

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

Mr. MacLEOD of Penobscot: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, retabled, unassigned, pending further consideration.

Recess

The Senate retired to the Hall of the House of Representatives where a Joint Convention was formed.

(For proceedings of Joint Convention, see House Report.)

After Joint Convention

Called to Order by the President.

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and today assigned matter, (S. P. 544) (L. D. 1392) Bill "An Act Creating a District Court Division of Northern Androscoggin and Franklin."

Tabled—June 23, 1967 by Senator Lund of Kennebec.

Pending—Motion by Senator Mills of Franklin to Recede and Concur.

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

Mr. LUND of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: This bill creating a District Court Division of Northern Androscoggin and Franklin was fully debated the other day, and I do not propose to debate it again. The Senate gave it the defeat that I think the bill merited, and I would like to remind you that this was the bill that was defeated the other day, and this was the bill which the Chief Judge of the District Court said was not necessary and the Court did not want. I hope today the Senate will join me in opposing the motion to recede and concur.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the motion of the Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills, that the Senate recede and concur. As many as are in favor of the motion to recede and concur will stand and remain standing until counted. Those opposed?

A division was had. Five Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 26 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to recede and concur did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Lund of Kennebec, the Senate voted to Insist and Request a Committee of Conference.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and today assigned matter, (S. P. 380) (L. D. 993) Bill, "An Act Providing for an Additional District Court Judge at Large."

Tabled—June 23, 1967 by Senator Lund of Kennebec.

Pending—Consideration.

(In Senate—June 19, 1967 Passed to be Engrossed.)

(In House—June 21, 1967 Majority Report Ought Not to Pass Accepted.)

On motion by Mr. Lund of Kennebec, the Senate voted to Insist and Request a Committee of Conference.

The President laid before the Senate the third tabled and today assigned matter, (S. P. 543) (L. D. 1444) Bill, "An Act to Correct

Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws.”

Tabled—June 23, 1967 by Senator Ross of Piscataquis.

Pending—Consideration.

(In Senate—June 20, 1967 Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment “A”—Filing S-277.) (In House—June 23, 1967 Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment “A” and House Amendment “B” — Filing H-461 and House Amendment “D” — Filing H-464.)

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, r e t a b l e d unassigned, pending consideration.

The President laid before the Senate the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, (H. P. 1218) (L. D. 1734) Bill, “An Act to Create the Department of Alcoholic Beverages.”

Tabled—June 23, 1967 by Senator Hildreth of Cumberland.

Pending—Enactment.

On motion by Mr. Lund of Kennebec, and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same Senator then presented Senate Amendment “B” and moved its adoption.

Senate Amendment “B”, Filing S-301, was read by the Secretary as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT “B” to H. P. 1218, L. D. 1734, Bill, “An Act to Create the Department of Alcoholic Beverages.”

Amend said Bill in section 1 by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

‘Whenever the Governor and Council upon due notice and hearing, shall find that the director is not faithfully or efficiently performing any duty imposed upon him by law, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, may remove the director from office.’

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

Mr. BARNES of Aroostook: Mr. President, if it is in order, I would move at this time that this L. D. 1734 and all its accompanying pa-

pers be indefinitely postponed, and I would ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, now moves that the Senate indefinitely postpone this bill and its accompanying papers.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Lund.

Mr. LUND of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I rise to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone and, as I do so, I realize that this bill which was heard before the State Government Committee has not been explained or debated in this body. I would like to take a few moments to do so and explain the point at which this matter came to my attention and caught my interest.

What this bill does is to remove the present structure which we have of a Liquor Commission composed of three Liquor Commissioners, and would replace that Commission by a single person who would be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. And, if this amendment is adopted, that person would be subject to removal also by the Governor with advice and consent of the Council upon a showing that he was not carrying out his duties faithfully.

I realize that this bill has been lobbied fairly heavily, and I have no particular quarrel — I am sure that those who lobbied here in the Senate and elsewhere had fully a right to do so, except that I do wish that those who lobbied had in every instance disclosed the fact that they themselves were liquor salesmen. I can appreciate the fact that persons who are liquor salesmen, who have listings, consider the passage of this bill a possible threat to the money which they receive at the present time by virtue of their listings. However, it was the design and intent of this bill that the change not be with the result that the Liquor Commission be a political football. Quite the contrary was what was intended. And I can assure you that in supporting this bill I intend no criticism of any person on the Liquor Commission now or in the past. I must confess I would feel somewhat uncomfortable doing so

if I felt this bill were so intended, because my father served on the Commission for several years.

It was my privilege, however, during the period between the last session and this session to serve on the interim committee that studied the liquor laws. I think it is fair to say that this Committee on several occasions had the opportunity to confer with members of the Liquor Commission with regard to problems that we saw, and to inquire of any problems that the Commission felt existed. I, for one, was appalled at the lack of factual information available to those members of the Liquor Commission. It seemed that every time a question was asked of anyone of them who did appear it was necessary for them to turn around and inquire of the several administrative officials they had with them in order to find out what the practice was at the present time. Frankly, it was my conclusion, and I think the Committee's who studied the liquor laws, that the individual members of the Commission were not well acquainted with the day to day activities of the Commission. Considering the way the law is set up at the present time, it is not surprising if this is the case because, despite the fact that the Chairman is termed a full-time position, it is difficult, I think, to find three liquor commissioners who will serve when their total salaries equal the salary which would be paid the one director under this bill.

I think it has been a feeling in the past that where there has been criticism of the Commission, as there has been from time to time, with three persons on the Commission it has been difficult to pin down responsibility. This bill is designed to centralize responsibility and, with the amendment, the State Government Committee felt that this would be a vehicle to set the State of Maine on the way toward a reform in the administration of the sale of hard liquor and the licensing of liquor establishments in this State. I hope that you will vote against the motion to indefinitely postpone.

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

Mr. ANDERSON of Hancock: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I can see absolutely no necessity of this drastic change in this multimillion dollar business. The present system is working very smoothly with three commissioners, so why upset it? I think we will be making a grave mistake if we buy this irresponsible piece of legislation. I concur with the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, on the indefinite postponement of this L. D. and all accompanying papers.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, that this bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I oppose the motion of the good Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, and I do support the thinking of my colleague on the State Government Committee, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Lund.

When this bill, L. D. 1734, An Act to Create the Department of Alcoholic Beverages, first came to my attention I must admit that I took a very dim view of it. To me at that time a single liquor administrator appeared to be the monster which the opponents paint it to be.

However, after a very complete hearing before your Committee on State Government, in which both sides fully presented their case, I began to change my mind. After considering this in executive session, and completely redrafting the bill, I feel it is a good bill, and I now urge its passage.

At present you have two part-time commissioners and one full-time commissioner. Now, what purpose can part-time commissioners serve? They are not paid enough to enable them to make a business of this, to become well versed in this \$30,000,000 operation. To me, it isn't fair either to them or to the State. True, you have one

full-time commissioner, but neither is he paid a salary commensurate with the job, and he is obliged to work on practically an equal basis with two part-time appointees.

As to the matter of salary, it is not how you or I look at it. We must recognize that we are in a competitive world, and the salaries should be based more nearly on what private industry will pay to get a man to run a \$30,000,000 a year business. Certainly private industry would offer far more than the \$8,500 paid the Chairman of the Commission, and the higher salary would, in turn, broaden the field of choice for the job.

Now, it is said that this Commission position would be powerful and open to abuse. True, it would be powerful, but it needs to be strong and powerful to resist the ever-present pressures. These pressures are present in other areas of State Government. Take the Highway Department for one: there we have a strong administrator, a Department to which no scandal has been attached. What do we pay him? Not \$8,500, but \$21,000. This matter of liquor control is a sensitive area, and I cannot imagine a chief executive with an adequate salary at his command appointing other than a capable and strong individual to this position. Certainly no chief executive wants a liquor scandal on his hands. The proposal is further strengthened by the requirement that this applicant be confirmed by the Executive Council.

Finally, the redraft of this bill has as a safeguard a provision which, to the best of my knowledge, has never been in the State Law, namely: that neither the director nor any employee shall accept directly or indirectly any samples, gratuities, favors, or any thing of value, from a manufacturer, seller, brewer, or licensee or any representative of the same.

Now, I ask you, Members of the State Senate, if you had a \$30,000,000 business would you get three men to run it at salaries such as this? Would you expect to pay \$8,500 to a man to run a \$30,000,000 business? I think not, and I hope that the motion of the

Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, may not prevail.

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

Mr. MILLS of Franklin: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I know that the good Senator, Senator Wyman, who has just spoken, is old enough to remember the things to which I wish to refer, but the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Lund, I am afraid is not. But years ago we had a superman around the State House whom Senator Wyman certainly remembers, and everyone had the greatest confidence in him. He was loaded down session after session with additional duties. He was known for cutting down expense accounts, crossing off excessive charges for meals, and that sort of thing. Then all of a sudden the thing blew up in the face of the Legislature, and we haven't had a scandal like it since those scandals of 1940 which rocked the State House and had great reverberations. As I recall it, the Legislative Research Committee had its outgrowth from that scandal. The Legislature set up what we called the Research-Committee at that time, Investigating Committee, I think it was, Presently Supreme Court Justice Donald Webber was the first counsel of that Committee, and it has continued on ever since.

Now, that was due in large measure to adding tremendous authority and duties and responsibilities upon one man. Down in the Highway Department we have tremendous responsibilities also, and we do divide it up, although one man is the Chairman. We do divide it up, and he has people with him. The Commissions in Washington are multi-personnel commissions. I think it is a good safeguard against this concentration into the hands of one person and the temptation that it puts forward.

The only meritorious thing that I think has been mentioned here this afternoon that this bill would accomplish would be to take away these gratuities which the good Senator Wyman has just mentioned. That is a pretty simple

matter, and pretty simple legislation could be devised to take care of that. If there is an abuse there, why certainly we ought to look into it.

I haven't heard mentioned any things that would be corrected, any abuses that exist at the present time, other than that the good Senator Lund was not able to get a quick response to some of his interrogations at a recess committee hearing, in which the Commissioners had to turn around and ask subordinates for background information. Well, if you have followed the hearings in Washington, when the department heads and the cabinet officers go to those hearings they are flanked with assistants who provide the background information. I say that if that is the only criticism that Senator Lund has got of the present Commission then it certainly doesn't take legislation like this to load a tremendous amount of authority into the hands of one person to correct it.

Also, the abuse which the good Senator Wyman has found — I don't know whether he has found the abuse or not — but I think he thinks there is too much free liquor being passed around and, it he wants to correct that, it would take a very simple bill to do it. I think this bill ought to go down the drain.

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

Mr. BARNES of Aroostook: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I want to state at the outset that I have a great deal of respect for the judgment and the opinions of the Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Lund. But it just seems to me that it isn't good common sense to put the administration of a \$30,000,000 business under the jurisdiction of one individual. I want to call your attention to the fact that 35 states in this Country now have a three-man board or larger. As a matter of fact, the State of Utah, which just recently got in trouble, is now going to a seven-man commission.

I think we are moving too fast too quickly on this thing, and I

concur with the views of the good-Senator from Franklin, Senator Mills, so I don't think there is any need for me to say any more. But I hope you will support my motion to kill this bill.

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

Mr. COUTURIER of Androscoggin: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I find myself in an odd position in that in theory I agree with Senator Wyman and Senator Lund, but I feel that the bill and the amendment do not go far enough. I myself have worked with committees, commissions and other individuals and I find that more often for efficiency's sake, I would prefer to have a department head, but the difference is here that I would like to have a department head who would be compensated at approximately \$20,000 a year. I feel that this is the bare minimum that we are going to have an individual who would be recognized as being above reproach, and I also feel that for the sake of efficiency, I cannot go along with an individual — let me put this another way — that the individual could be removed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. I feel that he should be responsible solely to the Governor. Therefore, I find that having discovered that my proposed amendment does not stand much of a chance, I feel that we would be better off with the present system at this time, and I would support the motion of Senator Barnes to indefinitely postpone.

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

Mr. FARLEY of York: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I assure you I have been lobbied by nobody, wets nor dry. I even read the editorial in my Portland paper this morning, and I disagree with the gentleman. Senator Mills has gone back to you in 1940. That is just a little too far for me, but I have faith in the Liquor Commissioners, gentlemen who have been appointed for years, both Democrats and Republicans. In going back to the term of ex-Governor Payne, they tried at that

time to do a job on him relative to the Liquor Commission, but he came out with clean hands. I attended the hearing myself in the House of Representatives for over three days. I still think that the three-man commission is the best. I think that the little man who gets into trouble with that kind of liquor or beer, or this and that, and runs an honorable place possibly might have a very severe job to convince one man, and I think that with three men he would more than have an opportunity to clear himself in honesty and being above the board. I oppose the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Lund.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question is the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, that this bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON of Hancock: Mr. President, when the vote is taken, I move that it be taken by a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Hancock, Senator Anderson, has requested that the vote be taken by a division.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Snow.

Mr. SNOW of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: First, I would like to apologize to the good Senator from Washington, Senator Wyman, for disappearing under my desk while he was speaking. The acoustics on this side of the Chamber are not what they might be, and Senator Hildreth and I, since our loudspeakers are underneath our desks, find that when we wish to hear his words of wisdom, find that we must occasionally take this course of action. I rise in opposition to the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes. As a member of the Legislative Research Committee of the 102nd Legislature, I had the opportunity of hearing the members of the Liquor Commission and their administrative assistants on several occasions before this Committee. It seemed to me that there existed confusion in this

department, that there existed, as Senator Lund has pointed out, lack of detailed knowledge by the Commissioners of the operations of their own department. More significantly, I would feel that there seemed to be inability to look into the future and to plan for the operation of the department along the most efficient line.

Finally, I would have to ask myself, in deciding how I should vote on this matter, whether I have been satisfied from my own knowledge of the department with the way it has been operating under the set-up which now exists. I find that I am not, and I do believe that a single administrator could operate the department in a more businesslike fashion, more efficiently and more to the advantage of the people of Maine. Therefore, when you vote, I hope you will vote in opposition to the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes.

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

Mr. ROSS of Piscataquis: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I too served on that Legislative Research Committee with the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Snow, and I drew a different conclusion than he did. They tell me that the mark of a good executive is a man who can get somebody else to do his work for him while he sits back, and I must say the controller appeared before our Committee and, to my satisfaction, he answered every question. I thought that the Commission was doing a very nice job, and definitely the controller knew what he was doing, and answered everything satisfactorily. I will go along with the motion for indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, that the bill and its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

Those in favor of indefinite postponement will stand and remain standing until counted. Those opposed will now stand.

A division was had. 22 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill and accompanying papers prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter (S. P. 604) (L. D. 1587) Resolve, Regulating Fishing on Part of Moose River, Somerset County.

Tabled—May 31, 1967 by Senator Johnson of Somerset.

Pending—Final Passage.

Mr. Johnson of Somerset, moved Final Passage of the resolve.

This being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 30 members of the Senate, was finally passed, and having been signed by the President, was, by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, (S. P. 568) (L. D. 1438) Bill, "An Act Relating to Retirement Benefits for Policemen and Firemen of the Lewiston Police and Fire Departments Under the State Retirement System."

Tabled—June 14, 1967 by Senator Johnson of Somerset.

Pending—Enactment.

On further motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, Passed to be Enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table the ninth tabled and unassigned matter, (H. P. 1204) (L. D. 1713) Bill, "An Act Relating to Duties of State Transportation Commission."

Tabled—June 20, 1967 by Senator Johnson of Somerset.

Pending—Enactment.

On further motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, Passed to be Enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secre-

tary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, (H. P. 1230) JOINT ORDER—Relative to Appropriations Committee reporting Bill, "To implement Vocational Training in Northern Kennebec County."

Tabled—June 23, 1967 by Senator Johnson of Somerset.

Pending—Passage.

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, in view of the fact that Friday we amended another bill to take care of this item, I move that this Joint Order now be indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to Indefinitely Postpone the Joint Order.

Mr. Johnson of Somerset, out of order, presented a Resolution and moved its passage:

The Resolution was read by the Secretary as follows:

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN.

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE MAINE LEGISLATURE ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE RALPH W. BREWER OF BATH.

Whereas, the Members of the House and Senate of the One Hundred and Third Maine Legislature have learned with profound sorrow of the untimely death of the Honorable Ralph W. Brewer, our esteemed friend and colleague from Bath; and

Whereas, the citizens of his City, County and the State of Maine benefited immeasurably through his service in the House of Representatives in the 100th, 101st, and 102nd Legislatures and the State Senate of the 103rd Legislature; and

Whereas, his gentle manner and friendly and courteous spirit have been an inspiration to all who have been privileged to work with him; and

Whereas, the loss of this devoted and conscientious public servant will be sorely felt not only by his many friends and admirers in Bath but by the citizens of the State as well; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the State of Maine mourns the loss of a faithful and valued public servant, and the members of the 103rd Legislature lament the departure of an esteemed and trusted friend; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be entered in the Journals of the House and Senate of the 103rd Legislature and an engrossed copy of this Resolution be sent to the family of the deceased; and be it further

RESOLVED: That as a further token of respect the House and

Senate will now stand in a moment of silence.

NAME:

COUNTY:

Thereupon, the Senate stood in a moment of silence in respect to the late Senator.

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

Mr. ROSS of Piscataquis: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: The State of Maine today lost a truly dedicated and greatly beloved legislator, Senator Ralph Brewer who represented the very epitome of courage and responsibility. With due respect to his memory, I now move that we adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.