

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Thursday, February 6, 1969

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. William Dunstan of Gardiner.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Finance Officer be authorized to approve the expenses of his office and accounts for payment (S. P. 198)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

Bills and Resolves from the Senate requiring reference were disposed of in concurrence.

**Reports of Committees  
Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Executive Secretary and Procedure of Actuarial Computations under State Retirement System" (S. P. 59) (L. D. 167)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

**Amended in Senate**

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Injury or Incapacity of State Police Officer" (S. P. 58) (L. D. 166)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice. Senate Amendment "A" (S-7) was read by the Clerk and adopted in con-

currence, and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of County Jails" (H. P. 414) (L. D. 525) which was referred to the Committee on State Government in the House on January 30.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that on item 18 we insist. The Reference of Bills Committee gave considerable consideration to the reference of this bill. It is of statewide significance and I do think that the State Government Committee is the proper committee to hear it. I move that we insist.

Thereupon, the House voted to insist.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act Revising Laws Relating to Boilers and Unfired Steam Pressure Vessels" (H. P. 424) (L. D. 548) which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in the House on February 4.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they adjourn to Tuesday, February 11 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 233)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves  
Requiring Reference**

The following Bills were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of

Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

**Agriculture**

Bill "An Act Increasing and Relating to Disposition of Fees Payable to Maine Milk Commission" (H. P. 503) (Presented by Mr. Chick of Monmouth)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act relating to Expansion of a Building for Maine Employment Security Commission" (H. P. 504) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Business Legislation**

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Electricians Examining Board and Membership and Compensation of Oil Burner Men's Licensing Board" (H. P. 505) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Outlawing of Trading Stamp Disbursement by Certain Business Establishments Selling Motor Fuel" (H. P. 506) (Presented by Mr. Pratt of Parsonsfield)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Education**

Bill "An Act relating to Tuition Charges for Special Education Classes" (H. P. 507) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Caribou)

Bill "An Act to Permit Administrative Units to Operate Classes for Trainable Children" (H. P. 508) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Secondary Education in the Town of Islesboro" (H. P. 509) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom)

Bill "An Act Requiring all Municipalities to Become Members in a School Administrative District" (H. P. 510) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Stonington)

Bill "An Act to Postpone Final Action on School Appropriations in Administrative Units" (H. P. 511) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act to Provide a More Equitable Method of Distributing

School Subsidy" (H. P. 512) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative Districts Numbers 31, 32, 40, 41 and 54" (H. P. 513) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative Districts Numbers 60, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72" (H. P. 514) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to School Construction Aid in School Administrative District No. 53" (H. P. 515) (Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Election Laws**

Bill "An Act Providing for a Presidential Preference Primary" (H. P. 516) (Presented by Miss Watson of Bath)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Health and Institutional Services**

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Failure to Undergo Tuberculosis X-Ray Tests" (H. P. 517) (Presented by Mr. LePage of Scarborough by request)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Wild Hares in Waldo County" (H. P. 518) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act relating to Damages for Tortious Conduct of Charitable Corporations" (H. P. 519) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

Bill "An Act relating to Increasing Fines in the Superior Court" (H. P. 520) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Relating to the State's Right of Appeal" (H. P. 521) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Revising Certain Probate Laws" (H. P. 522) (Presented by Mr. Moreshead of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Augusta" (H. P. 523) (Presented by Mr. Moreshead of Augusta by request)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Liquor Control**

Bill "An Act relating to Liquors Manufactured or Bottled in Maine" (H. P. 524) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Public Utilities**

Bill "An Act Repealing the Porter's Landing Water District" (H. P. 525) (Presented by Mr. Marsteller of Freeport)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Sea and Shore Fisheries**

Bill "An Act relating to Hauling Lobster Pots on Sundays" (H. P. 526) (Presented by Mr. LePage of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act relating to Type of Dredge to Dig Clams in Waters Between Cape Elizabeth and Pemaquid Point" (H. P. 527) (Presented by Miss Watson of Bath)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**State Government**

Bill "An Act relating to Neglect of Official Duty by Municipal Officers" (H. P. 528) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Governor to Designate a Municipal Official as Enrolling Officer for the Purpose of Enrolling the Militia" (H. P. 529) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

Bill "An Act to Place Full-time Deputy Sheriffs under the Personnel Law" (H. P. 530) (Presented by Mr. Henley of Norway)

Bill "An Act relating to Education of Indians" (H. P. 531) (Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act relating to Requirements for Recording Deeds and Other Instruments" (H. P. 532) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

Bill "An Act relating to Property Tax Credits for Veterans" (H. P. 533) (Presented by Mr. Gilbert of Turner)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Towns and Counties**

Bill "An Act relating to Appropriating Money by Municipalities for Ambulance Service" (H. P. 534) (Presented by Mrs. Brown of York)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

The following Bill, approved by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills for appearance on House Calendar, was referred to the following Committee:

**Public Utilities.**

Bill "An Act Increasing Borrowing Capacity of Waldoboro Sewer District" (H. P. 535) (Presented by Mr. Clark of Jefferson)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Orders**

Mr. Mills of Eastport presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives have learned of the approaching birth date of a grand old lady from Eastport, Mrs. Lennie Wentworth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wentworth, on February 11, 1969, will celebrate her 100th birthday with her family and friends; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that the House of Representatives of the 104th Legislature extend to Mrs. Wentworth its most sincere congratulations on this special occasion; and be it further

ORDERED, that a duly authenticated copy of this Order be immediately transmitted by the Clerk of the House to this Senior Citizen in token of our esteem.

The Order received passage.

**Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Dennett of Kittery presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State is authorized and directed upon application by any member of the 104th Legislature, pursuant to the Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 193, to issue in a corporate name specially designed number plates and certificate of registration for one designated motor vehicle upon satisfactory proof that the official applying is the majority stockholder of said corporation.

(On motion of Mr. Scott of Wilton, tabled pending passage and specially assigned the next legislative day.)

Mr. Lund of Augusta presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, recent events surrounding the proposed establishment of a nuclear reactor and aluminum plant at Trenton have raised questions whether the law and procedures of the Maine Industrial and Recreational Finance Approval Board are sufficient to provide adequate information regarding the impact of a proposal upon the natural resources of an area, and whether the local consent now required is enough to assure protection of the public interest in preserving the natural environment of a region; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Committee on Natural Resources is directed to study the need for legislation authorizing release of information needed for evaluation of the impact of a project upon the natural environment of a region with regard to the several statutory plans for assisting with financing the location of industries, to study the need for broader inquiry by and recommendations from appropriate state and local natural resource and planning agencies, to study the need for approval of a broader segment of the area affected than merely the municipality in which the project would be located, and to report out such legislation as may be needed to carry out its

findings and recommendations. (H. P. 536)

The Joint Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

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**House Reports of Committees Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. McNally from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Providing for Maintenance of a Certain Road Leading to Baxter State Park" (H. P. 229) (L. D. 285) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

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**Ought to Pass Printed Bills**

Mr. Mitchell from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing Law Relating to Prohibiting Transportation of Certain Poultry" (H. P. 254) (L. D. 330)

Mr. Wood from the Committee on Highways reported same on Bill "An Act to Allocate Money from the General Highway Fund for State Aid Construction" (H. P. 232) (L. D. 288)

Mr. Emery from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Transportation of Refuse" (H. P. 248) (L. D. 303)

Mr. Mosher from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Election of Members of Board of Trustees of Ashland Water and Sewer District" (H. P. 294) (L. D. 370)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

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**Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment**

Mr. Henley from the Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act relating to Voting Residence of Wife of Member of Armed Forces" (H. P. 279) (L. D. 355) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-19) submitted therewith.

Mr. Marsteller from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to Purchase of Parcels of Land by Forest Commissioner" (H. P. 45) (L. D. 46) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-20) submitted therewith.

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills read twice. Committee Amendment "A" to each was read by the Clerk and adopted, and the Bills assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Directors of the Maine Port Authority" (H. P. 8) (L. D. 8) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WYMAN of Washington  
 BELIVEAU of Oxford  
 — of the Senate.

Mr. D'ALFONSO of Portland  
 Miss WATSON of Bath  
 Messrs. MARSTALLER

of Freeport  
 STARBIRD  
 of Kingman Township  
 — of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. LETOURNEAU of York  
 — of the Senate.

Messrs. DENNETT of Kittery  
 DONAGHY of Lubec  
 RIDEOUT of Manchester  
 — of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that we accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett moves that the House accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kingman Township, Mr. Starbird.

Mr. STARBIRD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise in opposition to the motion by Mr. Dennett. We considered this bit of legislation quite thoroughly I thought. The Port Authority is asking for only a very very modest raise. They have not had one since 1929, and I personally think it's justified.

We have also before us, or soon will, a bit of legislation asking for raises by heads of departments that in the total would amount to some \$102,500 a year in raises. This is only a matter of \$300 raise from the present \$500 per year that they get, if we accept the committee amendment on adoption of the Majority Report. I think this is very modest, a very, very modest raise, 1929, the year I was born, forty years ago. I don't figure the dollar raise in forty years is too much. I hope we vote against the motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think that this afternoon there is far more than meets the eye here in this so-called modest raise. I am perfectly aware that they are still going, this Commission, by the salaries that were set in 1929, and incidentally I don't think that this has much bearing upon this particular case.

A check on this Commission finds that ordinarily they meet ten or twelve times a year, although last year they met fifteen times. But this is better than \$30 a day, which isn't too bad a deal, particularly when your expenses are all paid. But I think that this is far beyond the point of what we have before us here this afternoon. I think we have the question of raises in general. Is this the opportune and correct time to make such an approach?

I certainly would hope that this Minority Report "Ought not to pass" would be accepted, and in support of my view on this particular thing I would like to have this legislative body, this House, bear with me a few minutes and

I will attempt to relate a story, a story which I believe carries with it not only a moral but a lesson, and it exhibits an instance of courage by which I think we all might well benefit.

It appears that perhaps some hundred and fifty years ago in Europe on the shores of the North Sea, there was a country called Holland. The people of this land through and by their unceasing toil had rolled back the sea and reclaimed the land with a vast system of dikes. Now the watch over these dikes demanded eternal vigilance because once these dikes were broken, the land would become inundated. And by their toil and by their efforts, on this land that had been reclaimed from the sea, they had many prosperous farms and many pleasant villages. It appeared one day that a storm was raging in the North Sea, and passersby went by the dike and they saw a trickle of water coming forth; it was simply and merely a trickle, and they thought perhaps that this trickle was not worthy of notice, and nothing was done. Soon, the storm with all its fury descended, and the tiny trickle became a stream, the stream became a torrent, and the torrent became a flood. The dikes gave way, they collapsed, the land was inundated and desolation and poverty was on the face of the land.

Now there is a sequel to this story. In a neighboring province about the same time, a party of children were playing near the dike, and they too noticed the tiny hole in this dike. This is really a childhood fable, you all have heard it, and the little Dutch boy stuck his finger in the dike and he stopped the trickle, the trickle that soon would become a stream which would become a torrent and which would result in a flood, and the other children ran for help, and in due time help arrived, the trickle was stopped, the dike withstood the fury of the sea, and the land was saved.

Now I think perhaps we have here the same situation this morning. This is the trickle, this tiny, insignificant bill will result in a

flood of demands for pay raises which will inundate this Legislature. I think the time, if we are going to think of practicing any economy, should be now. Let's stop this first pay raise. These persons are well paid for the work they do. I do not know any of them, I have nothing personal in any way, shape or manner, but let's kind of try to stop the flood that is due to engulf us if we don't act now. I ask you again, vote to accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report, and when the vote is taken I ask that it be taken by the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milinocket, Mr. Crommett.

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have no intention, neither do I have the ability to speak as eloquently as my dear, dear friend from Kittery, Mr. Dennett. I am sure that you listened very carefully to the story he told you, and the moral, and I hope that he will act as the little boy and use his finger in stopping the trickle in various other departments. But in this case, I am the sponsor of this bill and I did it in good faith, I think they deserve the raise. When you have a few men that meet twelve to fifteen times a year and sit in judgment on expenditures of a million and a half or more dollars, the Port Authority, your ferry service, and things of that nature, I think they are deserving of the increase. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kingman Township, Mr. Starbird.

Mr. STARBIRD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I fully agree with Mr. Dennett that if we don't stop the trickles they will soon become the torrents. He well knows that in the last session of the Legislature my good friend, the late Mr. Philbrook from South Portland, and I were very much against many of the raises that came into the hands of the State Government Committee. We opposed them, we helped to whittle them down, and I think in the long run we did very well to keep



them at a low level; but in this case, I still do not think that this will result in a torrent.

However, I cannot understand, in view of the gentleman from Kittery's reasoning that the trickle will become the torrent, why he opposes the trickle and proposes the torrent in L. D. 105 which will result in an increase in heads of departments a total I would say, if they ever reach their maximum, which they likely will, of apparently \$102,500. I can't see the logic in this, and I ask you to vote against the acceptance of the Minority Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker, I have great fears the gentleman from Kingman Township, Mr. Starbird, is discussing legislation that is not before this Legislature. The only thing that I can say to the gentleman from Kingman Township is that my position, regardless of any bills that he might see, will be unchanged regarding any increases during this session. I am not in favor of any of them, whether a bill has my name on it or not.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The pending question is the motion of the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett, that the House accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report on Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Directors of the Maine Port Authority," House Paper 8, L. D. 8. A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All those in favor of a roll call will vote yes, those opposed to a roll call will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

More than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is the motion of the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett, that the House accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report. Those

in favor of the acceptance of the Minority Report will vote yes, those opposed will vote no, and the Chair opens the vote.

#### ROLL CALL

YEA — Allen, Benson, Berman, Bernier, Birt, Bragdon, Brown, Buckley, Burnham, Carey, Casey, Chandler, Clark, C. H.; Clark, H. G.; Corson, Cote, Couture, Cummings, Curtis, Dam, Danton, Dennett, Donaghy, Dudley, Durgin, Dyar, Evans, Farnham, Faucher, Finemore, Foster, Gauthier, Gilbert, Good, Hall, Hanson, Hardy, Harriman, Haskell, Hawkens, Henley, Heselton, Hichens, Huber, Hunter, Immonen, Jameson, Johnston, Jutras, Lawry, Lee, LePage, Lewin, Lewis, Lincoln, Lund, McNally, Millett, Moreshead, Mosher, Nadeau, Norris, Noyes, Page, Payson, G. F.; Payson, M. W.; Porter, Pratt, Quimby, Rideout, Rocheleau, Ross, Santoro, Scott, C. F.; Scott, G. W.; Shaw, Snow, Soulas, Stilings, Temple, Thompson, Trask, Tyndale, Vincent, Waxman, White, Wight, Williams, Wood.

NAY — Baker, Bedard, Binnette, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Brennan, Carter, Chick, Coffey, Cottrell, Cox, Crommett, Croteau, D'Alfonso, Drigotas, Emery, Fecteau, Fortier, A. J.; Fortier, M.; Fraser, Gaudreau, Giroux, Kelleher, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Laberge, Lebel, Leibowitz, Levesque, MacPhail, Marquis, Marsteller, Martin, McTeague, Mills, Mitchell, Morgan, Ouellette, Rand, Richardson, G. A.; Sheltra, Starbird, Tanguay, Watson, Wheeler.

ABSENT — Barnes, Bunker, Carrier, Crosby, Curran, Cushing, Eustis, Hewes, Jalbert, Kelley, K. F.; McKinnon, Meisner, Richardson, H. L.; Sahagian, Susi.

Yes, 89; No, 46; Absent, 15.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce the vote. Eighty-nine having voted in the affirmative and forty-six in the negative, the motion to accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report prevails.

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Increasing Borrowing Capacity of Ashland Water and

Sewer District" (S. P. 31) (L. D. 89)

Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Credits" (S. P. 46) (L. D. 149)

Bill "An Act relating to Sales and Use Tax on Property Registered for Use in Maine" (S. P. 47) (L. D. 150)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Artificial Lights for Lighting Game" (H. P. 92) (L. D. 101)

Bill "An Act relating to Poll Taxes Paid to Caswell Plantation" (H. P. 199) (L. D. 246)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Examiners of Podiatrists" (H. P. 225) (L. D. 275)

Bill "An Act Increasing Fees under State Nursing Law" (H. P. 228) (L. D. 284)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Administrative Hearing Commissioner for Subpoenas to Parents of Minors" (H. P. 290) (L. D. 366)

Resolve to Reimburse Charles A. Holden of Portland as Agent of Conservator of Casco Mercantile Trust Company (S. P. 38) (L. D. 121)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolve read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

#### Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Violating the Laws Dealing with Certain Birds" (H. P. 120) (L. D. 136)

Bill "An Act relating to Surrender of Motor Vehicle Instruction Permits" (H. P. 129) (L. D. 145)

Resolve to Reimburse Bernard J. Kinney of Winthrop for Well Damage by Highway Maintenance (H. P. 56) (L. D. 58)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolve read the second time, all passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

#### Enactor

##### Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Settlement with Joint Tortfeasors (S. P. 41) (L. D. 124)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned the next legislative day.)

#### Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Changing Name of Western M Art Group to Western Maine Art Group (H. P. 38) (L. D. 39)

An Act relating to Southern Maine Comprehensive Health Association, Inc. (H. P. 40) (L. D. 41)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

#### Orders of the Day

Mr. Crommett of Millinocket was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to call your attention to some observations that I have made for your consideration. I do not believe that it is the function of any member of any Legislative Joint Standing Committee to agree or disagree with those testifying. Certainly, it is the function of the members of the Committee to ask questions, as many questions as they see fit in as many different ways to get the desired answer. Certainly, it is not the prerogative of the Chairman to speak for the Committee, even before they have gone into executive session.

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Imposing an Individual and Corporate Income Tax" (H. P. 448)

Tabled—February 4, by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

Pending—Reference.

Thereupon, referred to Committee on Taxation, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT—Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)—Committee on

Election Laws on Bill "An Act Amending the Election Laws" (H. P. 29) (L. D. 30)

Tabled—February 4 by Mr. Henley of Norway.

Pending—Acceptance.

Report was accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter:

SENATE REPORT — Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-3)—Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act

relating to Workmen's Compensation Third-Party Actions" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 125) (In Senate, Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A").

Tabled—February 5, by Mr. Berman of Houlton.

Pending—Acceptance in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Berman of Houlton, retabled pending acceptance in concurrence and specially assigned the next legislative day.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 11, at ten o'clock in the morning.