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OF THE

*One Hundred and Fourth
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 26, 1969
The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Carl H. Geores, Jr. of North Leeds.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Richardson of Cumberland presented the following Joint Order out of order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the owner of any motor vehicle which normally should have been registered for the year 1969 on or before February 28, 1969 shall be permitted to effect such registration at any time up to and including Saturday, March 1, 1969.

It is the intent of the Legislature that owners of motor vehicles shall be granted this additional time in which to register their vehicles because of the severe conditions and difficulties resulting from the recent storms. (H. P. 830)

The Order received passage.

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland by unanimous consent ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 291)

**MAINE-NEW HAMPSHIRE
INTERSTATE BRIDGE
AUTHORITY**

Augusta, Maine
February 19, 1969
To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature:

Transmitted herewith is the Fifteenth Biennial Report of the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority which is being presented in accordance with Chapter 18, Article VI, Private and Special Laws of 1937.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)

DAVID H. STEVENS
Chairman

Maine-New Hampshire Interstate
Bridge Authority

Came from the Senate read and with accompanying Report ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and with accompanying Report ordered placed on file in concurrence.

**Senate Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Advisory Board of Review of Operators' License Control Procedures" (S. P. 114) (L. D. 325)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting same on Bill "An Act Eliminating Dedicated Funds from Stuffed Toy Law" (S. P. 144) (L. D. 435)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Entrances from Liquor Licensed Premises" (S. P. 212) (L. D. 622) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A" (S-13) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve relating to Fishing in Green Lake, Hancock County (S. P. 129) (L. D. 391)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs HOFFSES of Knox
MARTIN of Piscataquis
- of the Senate.

Messrs. ROCHELEAU of Auburn
GAUDREAU of Lewiston
BOURGOIN of Fort Kent
LEWIN of Augusta
KELLEY of Southport
PORTER of Lincoln
THOMPSON of Belfast

- of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. ANDERSON of Hancock

- of the Senate.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted.

In the House the Reports were read and the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted in concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Exempt Television Sets and Musical Instruments from Property Taxation" (S. P. 45) (L. D. 148)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MARTIN of Piscataquis
HANSON of Kennebec

- of the Senate.

Messrs. SUSI of Pittsfield
ROSS of Bath

Mrs. WHITE of Guilford

Messrs. HARRIMAN of Hollis
FORTIER of Rumford

- of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. WYMAN of Washington

- of the Senate.

Messrs. DRIGOTAS of Auburn
COTTRELL of Portland

- of the House.

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

In the House, the Reports were read, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Authorizing Germaine P. Guerette and Edmund Guerette to Bring Action Against the State of Maine (S. P. 108) (L. D. 319) which was finally passed in the House on February 18 and passed to be engrossed on February 12.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in nonconcurrency.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Tabled Until Later in the Day

Bill "An Act Providing Funds for the Official Observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine" (H. P. 590) (L. D. 732) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in the House on February 13.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" in nonconcurrency.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, tabled until later in today's session pending further consideration.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Dogs from Kennels and Pet Shops" (H. P. 794) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Reappropriate Balance of Appropriation for Vocational Building at the Men's Correctional Center" (H. P. 795) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of State Police Officers" (H. P.

796) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Repealing the Law Relating to Truth-in-Lending and Disclosure of Interest and Finance Charges in Retail Sales" (H. P. 797) (Presented by Mr. Cox of Bangor)

Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies" (H. P. 798) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick (Later reconsidered))

Bill "An Act to Permit Nonstock Corporations to Engage in Consumer Credit Counseling" (H. P. 799) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

Bill "An Act Creating the Uniform Consumer Credit Code" (H. P. 800) (Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve to Reimburse John P. Kennedy of Vassalboro for Loss of Sika Deer by Dogs (H. P. 801) (Presented by Mr. Hanson of Vassalboro)

Resolve to Reimburse Walter Ware of Benton for Well Damage by Highway Maintenance (H. P. 802) (Presented by Mr. Lawry of Fairfield)

Resolve to Reimburse Mr. and Mrs. Laurie E. Mann of Augusta for Property Taken by State (H. P. 803) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta by request)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Closing of Private or Parochial Schools" (H. P. 804) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Creating a School Administrative District for the City of Portland" (H. P. 805) (Presented by Mr. Waxman of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act to Revise Ballot Inspection and Recount Procedures under the Maine Election Laws" (H. P. 806) (Presented by Mr. Chandler of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act relating to Health Warnings on Labels on Liquor Bottles" (H. P. 807) (Presented by Mr. Barnes of Alton)

Bill "An Act relating to Nonprofit Hospital or Medical Service Organizations" (H. P. 808) (Presented by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Pharmacy Laws" (H. P. 809) (Presented by Mr. Jutras of Sanford)

Bill "An Act relating to Commitment of Females to Stevens Training Center and Women's Correctional Center" (H. P. 810) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Physicians and Surgeons" (H. P. 811) (Presented by Mr. Moreshead of Augusta)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Plastic Containers for Gasoline Fuel" (H. P. 812) (Presented by Mr. Porter of Lincoln)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Size of Conibear Traps for Trapping Animals" (H. P. 813) (Presented by Mr. Barnes of Alton)

Bill "An Act relating to the Camp Trip Leader's Permit under Fish and Game Laws" (H. P. 814) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

Bill "An Act Redefining the Bounds of Merrymeeting Bay Game Sanctuary" (H. P. 815) (Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Redemption by Owner and Sales of Tax Acquired Property" (H. P. 816)

(Presented by Mr. Cox of Bangor)

Bill "An Act relating to Posting Bonds by Defendants under the Uniform Paternity Act" (H. P. 817) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act relating to Rehabilitative Programs in State Penal and Correctional Institutions" (H. P. 818) (Presented by Mr. Vincent of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act Providing for Unemployment Compensation for State and Municipal Employees" (H. P. 819) (Presented by Mr. Cox of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Increase Workmen's Compensation Payments for Disfigurement" (H. P. 820) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of Board under State Employees Appeals Board Act" (H. P. 821) (Presented by Mr. Ouellette of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Contracts for Class Pins, Emblems or Photographs" (H. P. 822) (Presented by Mr. Cox of Bangor)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Disclosure Commissioners" (H. P. 823) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act Placing Liquor Law Enforcement in Maine Courts" (H. P. 824) (Presented by Mr. Barnes of Alton)

Bill "An Act relating to Special License for Sale of Liquors at Special Events" (H. P. 825) (Presented by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor)

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Liquor not to be Consumed on the Premises" (H. P. 826) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act relating to Annual Review of all Applications for Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 827) (Presented by Mr. Shaw of Chelsea)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act relating to Regional Planning Commissions" (H. P. 828) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act relating to the Division of the State into Regions for the Purpose of Regional Development" (H. P. 829) (Presented by same gentlemen)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Auburn Sewerage District" (H. P. 831) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Territory of the Portland Water District" (H. P. 832) (Presented by Mrs. Morgan of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Bill "An Act relating to Contributions Payable by Participating Local Districts under State Retirement System" (H. P. 833) (Presented by Mr. Temple of Portland)

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement Benefits for Call Firemen under State Retirement System" (H. P. 834) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. McTeague.

Mr. McTEAGUE: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action in regards to referring item five, H. P. 798, Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies," to the Committee on Business Legislation. I would subsequently move that that item be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor, the Bill was tabled pending the motion of Mr. McTeague of Brunswick and specially assigned for tomorrow.

State Government

Bill "An Act Creating the Port Authority of Mount Desert" (H. P. 835) (Presented by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Creating the Oil and Gas Conservation and Development Control Act" (H. P. 836) (Presented by same gentleman)
Bill "An Act Establishing a Scenic Highway Board" (H. P. 837) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that the Bills be referred to the Committee on State Government and printing.

On motion of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Legislative Bodies of Municipalities to Reapportion Council Districts" (H. P. 838) (Presented by Mr. Moreshead of Augusta)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Resolve to Authorize the Grant of Flowage Rights to the Auburn Water District (H. P. 839) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that the Bill be referred to the Committee on State Government and printing.

On motion of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Providing for the Taxation and Preservation of Farm, Forest and Open Space Land" (H. P. 840) (Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom)

Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 841) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officials of Androscoggin County" (H. P. 842) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Providing for Enabling Legislation for Municipal Zoning" (H. P. 843) (Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Salaries for Probate Judges" (H. P. 844) (Presented by Mr. Moreshead of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Town of Limerick to Appropriate Funds for Snow Removal and Maintenance on Private Ways" (H. P. 845) (Presented by Mr. Pratt of Parsonsfield)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Fraser from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Discharge of Patients at Pineland Hospital and Training Center" (H. P. 430) (L. D. 554)

Mr. Soulas from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Funeral Expenses of Recipients of Public Assistance" (H. P. 463) (L. D. 600)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Draft Printed Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Henley from the Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Filing Certificates of Political Caucus Nominations" (H. P. 278) (L. D. 354) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 846) (L. D. 989) under title of "An Act relating to Time of Filing Political Nominations for Town Office" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.
(On motion of Mr. Henley of Norway, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 5.)

Ought to Pass Printed Bill

Mrs. Payson from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services reported "Ought to pass" on

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Patients and Inmates at State Institutions" (H. P. 431) (L. D. 555)

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment**

Mr. Benson from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board and Providing Funds to Activate the Awards Program" (H. P. 208) (L. D. 258) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-61) submitted therewith.

Mrs. Baker from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to grant a Council - Manager Charter to the Town of Orono" (H. P. 340) (L. D. 459) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-62) submitted therewith.

Mr. Cushing from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Registration and Licensing of Dogs on Indian Reservations" (H. P. 366) (L. D. 476) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mrs. Wheeler from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Grant Certain Changes in the Government of the Town of Sanford" (H. P. 194) (L. D. 248) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-64) submitted therewith.

Mr. Lewis from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act to Permit the Use of Draggers in Parts of Sheepscot Bay During the Month of February" (H. P. 20) (L. D. 23) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-65) 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 tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bills.

Third Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Ballots Cast by Presidential Electors" (S. P. 99) (L. D. 309)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

(On motion of Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.)

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Ratifying Easement Conveyed by the State of Maine to the Bangor Water District" (S. P. 146) (L. D. 427)

Bill "An Act relating to Application for New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates and Issuance of Temporary Facsimile Plates" (S. P. 154) (L. D. 437)

Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Administrative Hearing Commissioner of Violations of Liquor Laws" (S. P. 213) (L. D. 621)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Dresden School District" (H. P. 220) (L. D. 270)

Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Alewives in Dyer River, Town of Jefferson, Lincoln County" (H. P. 243) (L. D. 298)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership of Joint School Committee when Administrative Units have No Approved Secondary School" (H. P. 266) (L. D. 342)

Bill "An Act Creating the Town of Franklin School District" (H. P. 271) (L. D. 347)

Bill "An Act Creating the Town of Sullivan School District" (H. P. 272) (L. D. 348)

Bill "An Act Reclassifying Taylor Brook in Auburn" (H. P. 281) (L. D. 357)

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

Third Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to the Sale of Fireworks" (H. P. 284) (L. D. 360)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

(On motion of Mr. Temple of Portland, tabled pending passage

to be engrossed and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 4.)

Bill "An Act Repealing Ganeston Park Game Preserve" (H. P. 329) (L. D. 438)

Bill "An Act relating to the Second Injury Fund" (H. P. 333) (L. D. 442)

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

**Third Reader
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Permit Reappointment of School Directors in a School Administrative District by Request" (H. P. 425) (L. D. 549)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

(On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 4.)

Resolve Authorizing Conveyance of State Land to the City of Bangor (S. P. 147) (L. D. 428)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Amortization Requirements of Bond Issue for State College Dormitories" (H. P. 115) (L. D. 131)

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Sheriffs in Enforcement of Dog Laws" (H. P. 204) (L. D. 254)

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

**Amended Third Reader
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Age of Dogs for Licensing Purposes" (H. P. 206) (L. D. 256)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

(On motion of Mr. Hall of Windham, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Palermo School District" (H. P. 218) (L. D. 268)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Winthrop to Augusta Interlocal Trunk Sewer" (H. P. 391) (L. D. 501)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

Mr. Rideout of Manchester offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-67) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Bill "An Act relating to Notice of Suspension or Revocation of Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses" (S. P. 57) (L. D. 165)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Berman of Houlton, the House reconsidered its action of yesterday whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in non-concurrence and on further motion of same gentleman, the Amendment was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

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

HOUSE MAJORITY REPORT (8) — Ought to pass — Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Revising the Construction Safety Law Enforcement" (H. P. 335) (L. D. 444) — MINORITY REPORT (2)

Ough Not to Pass

Tabled — February 25, by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Huber of Rockland to Accept Majority Report.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Chelsea, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Huber of Rockland to accept the Majority Report and specially assigned for tomorrow.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Mental Illness as a Ground for Divorce" (H. P. 471) (L. D. 625)

Tabled — February 25, by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Meisner of Dover-Foxcroft, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 5.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Presidential Electors at Large and from Districts" (H. P. 755) (L. D. 887)

Tabled — February 25, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have been attempting to take a look at two L.D.'s, L.D. 309, which is An Act relating to Ballots Cast by Presidential Electors, which would require that the electors chosen by the various conventions would cast their ballots for President and Vice-President of the political party for which they were chosen, and yet this particular L. D. would require that the electors in the various districts cast their ballots for whomever carried that particular district.

There is some question in my mind that one is in violation of the other, and if we pass one, we shouldn't pass the other. I have asked the Attorney General's Office to take a look at those bills and see what the effect would be, and I would suggest or ask some member of the House to table this pending an answer from them.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Rideout of Manchester, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 6.

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

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Regulating the Size of the House of Representatives (H. P. 356) (L. D. 464)

Tabled — February 25, by Mr. Rideout of Manchester.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Ross of Bath to Indefinitely Postpone.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, retabled pending his motion to indefinitely postpone and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 5.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Issuance of Temporary Notes by Hospital Administrative District No. 1 in Penobscot County" (H. R. 342) (L. D. 450)

Tabled — February 25, by Mr. Porter of Lincoln.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: L. D. 450, An Act relating to Issuance of Temporary Notes by Hospital Administrative District No. 1 in Penobscot County, this is the first Hospital District in Penobscot County, and probably the first in the State of Maine. It is very similar to a School Administrative District inasmuch as that it can — it's found a good way to pick the pockets of the taxpayer inasmuch as the fact that the towns have to vote to join it.

Now this bill doesn't deal with construction of the hospital. The hospital we are talking about in our area hasn't been designed, there has been no blueprints and no construction. I suppose it will take another two years of discussion or at least they have got to find some method

to purchase land and so forth which is covered in a different method in another part of the bill. Now I can see no emergency for this bill. First of all let me say, it's a device where you can deceive people and do something quickly. This act deals entirely with administration. Now let me please call to your attention — look at L. D. 450, the fifth line from the bottom of the page if you would please. They do not ask to extend this act, mind you, this bill doesn't ask to extend an act which we passed in the previous Legislature for one year. This asks that this act not be extended for one year or two years, which would be reasonable in my opinion on a bond issue, and I'm a reasonable man, possibly three years, but if you read it carefully, this is forever, and forever is a long time. Now this wouldn't be a good position for a businessman to take in my opinion.

Now since we went into this hospital district, let me call to your attention the reason I think my people should have a chance to vote on this in referendum, the valuations of these towns have changed. For instance, my Town of Enfield the valuation is up some million and a half dollars in this new valuation as well as some of your towns may have been. I represent the Town of Howland. They too have been increased considerably, I don't know the exact figure, but I know it's over a million dollars. During this same time another town in the district, Lincoln, Maine, their valuation has been cut considerably, I don't have the exact figures before me, but it involves a lot of money because they nearly lost the mill and now the mill is going again, so this puts a lot of different light on the subject. This should be considered. This is another reason my people would like to be considered.

Now this bill was heard before the Legal Affairs Committee, and I appeared as an opponent — a proponent of the bill; there was one other, the sponsor, in other words, there were two proponents for the measure, and I asked for referendum. I didn't think this was

unreasonable. As a matter of fact, it's been kind of procedure down through the years in this House, a bond issue, whether it be to a town or a city or state, that the local people had a referendum on it, so I don't think that I was asking for anything unreasonable. I have been in this House many years and during this time I have always supported home rule wherever possible, and I ask you to help me save these small towns from financial disaster.

Let me point out in closing, I don't want to drag on with a lot of things, this bill may be small to some of you, but believe me to my people it's quite a big bill. It involves something that they don't like. Now without referendum is the reason I am opposed to the bill, without referendum. Without limit to time on the 5th line from the bottom. It's ridiculous to speak of selling bonds to these little towns forever and a day knowing, and I know this, I am positive that this hospital cannot be built in the next two years, regardless of what some Sophist might say. Land has not been acquired; money has not been available. Let me tell you that the Johnson administration under the Hill-Burton Act promised money to build this hospital with, and it didn't come to pass yet, and we still think we're going to get it. I'm hopeful that we will and I am for a hospital and I'll do everything to have a hospital in the area constructed, something we can afford, maybe a thirty bed hospital or up to thirty beds. My people are not interested in a hundred bed hospital, we're near Millinocket, they have a nice hospital about this same size and we notice the Millinocket ambulance going by our town many days taking people to the Maine Medical Center or Bangor, so we are for a hospital, we do know that we have the thing set up to have the hospital and we are only talking this morning in terms of administrating, administrating the thing after it is built, and so knowing that this will not be built now in the next two years, I now ask that L. D. 450 be indefinitely postponed and I would like to ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, now moves the indefinite postponement of L. D. 450.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. Porter.

Mr. PORTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I could hardly believe my ears when Mr. Dudley asked that this be indefinitely postponed. I can't understand why anyone would want to kill a hospital that fifteen separate towns have wanted.

I would like to give you a little history of our area and our hospitals. For a great many years, we have had two privately owned hospitals in Lincoln. They have served a very useful purpose. We could go there and for a reasonable figure receive our medical needs. If they were too serious, we immediately went to Bangor fifty miles away. We were pleased with those hospitals, yes, we were proud of those hospitals, we were satisfied with those hospitals, but with the coming of Medicare and Medicaid and other Federal agencies, we were on the verge of losing those hospitals. Doctor Fisher was about to refuse to certify those two hospitals. Finally, we prevailed upon Doctor Fisher to allow us to continue those hospitals. He agreed, provided we tried to build a community hospital. Our thought was to build a community hospital for that area of about fifteen or twenty towns patterned somewhat after the School Administrative District. I came to the 103rd Legislature in the regular session and asked permission of this Legislature to allow us to form a Hospital Administrative District number one.

There was a referendum held in sixteen towns. Fifteen of those towns voted for the Hospital Administrative District. One town did not wish to join, so we had to have another round of referenda. This time all fifteen towns voted to join the Hospital Administrative District Number one. That was a solemn contract between the free citizens of those fifteen towns.

Like all things that are new, we found there were deficiencies in that first bill, so I had to come to the Special Session to remove

these deficiencies. Then about a year ago our Directors started working on this hospital idea. Out of the blue came a terrible blow to our area when the Standard Packaging Mill closed on March 4. This idea and several other projects came to a screeching halt. Our town then had the job of finding a new purchaser for the mill, and some day I would like to tell you of the efforts of our town in finding a purchaser for that mill and raising over \$350,000 in less than two weeks. We finally did get the mill started in August, and again the Directors went back to work on the hospital concept. They did choose a location for the hospital. They did the job of screening to find an architect. They did apply for the Hill-Burton funds. Our town extended the water main, an eight inch line, a half mile out to the location of the hospital.

In talking with the Chairman of the Directors over the weekend, he told me that they expected to start construction this spring, provided of course this snow ever leaves. He also told me that he thought the hospital would be ready this fall. Provided this is accomplished, if this hospital is constructed, all the elaborate and expensive equipment is in place, all of the staff has been secured, we are ready to open the hospital, but we haven't a cent in the bank to start operations. This bill allows the directors to borrow up to \$100,000 to get started. The first week the hospital is open we are going to need money to pay the staff. The first month we will need to pay the light bill, and as you know, people when they go to the hospital do not put cash on the barrelhead and then say "heal me." It takes time to process these bills through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. There is some delay before there is any income to that hospital, so the directors need some money to open the doors.

I ask you, do not allow anyone to block fifteen towns in our area from opening a hospital when it is ready. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of this House: Let me make this very plain to this House, I am for this hospital, and I am for financing it when it is built, and I am for a referendum for the people to decide like they have in the past on these things. I am not afraid of their vote. I know they are intelligent people, and if they want this hospital the same as I do, they will vote for it, but I think this will serve more than one purpose. This vote, it will serve the notice that we voted to build up to a thirty bed hospital when we decided on this, and we are now talking about an eighty bed hospital, this is one thing that my people are not satisfied with, and I hope that we wouldn't pass a bill as sloppy as this one that allows them to borrow money on a town forever and a day to start a hospital that is only in the talking stage. Now I don't care what anybody says, this is still in the talking stage and I'll tell you the new administration in Washington hasn't committed itself to what it's going to do to Hill-Burton funds. Now the whole thing hinges on that.

We have got the money, the bill has been put through the House here and it is available, the town's part of the money from all the towns, so we are not talking about construction. The thing seems to hinge at this time on what is this Administration in Washington going to do with Hill-Burton funds. As the President presently is in Europe and when he returns, he may release all these funds for Hill-Burton and for welfare and highways and so forth, but I must admit that I have seen no record where he has made any commitments on what he is going to do with Hill-Burton funds, and Hill-Burton is not going to spend any money until this new Administration makes the funds available, and at that time, when the Hill-Burton funds are made available, then we will be able to start blueprints, and this takes some time. Architects don't operate over night, and then we'll start digging a hole and putting in a foundation, and I would suspect that may come perhaps a year from this spring,

but a building of this size is not built over night, it is not built in a week or two. I have seen some of them built at the University of Maine and it generally takes more than a year after they start construction, generally speaking now.

There may be exceptions to the rule, but I don't think this is one, and there is a lot of unanswered questions here, maybe this and maybe that, when, why and how many, and many other questions. I don't see the haste for one thing, especially with the emergency measure, of all things. No time limit. Imagine selling bonds on a little town, why the original bill says one year. I think two years is reasonable or three years might be reasonable, but forever is unreasonable. I hope my motion prevails and I assure you we'll find some way to get a hospital going in this community.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Cox.

Mr. COX: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise in opposition to my good friend's motion from Enfield. I do not attempt to match the homely oratory of my friend and colleague, Mr. Dudley. However, I will attempt to give you the reasoning behind the Committee Report, I am a member of that Committee by the way, and maybe some of my own reasoning.

This body should realize that the Committee was urged at a public hearing on L. D. 450 to offer a committee amendment to effect the referendum as Mr. Dudley would like. The Committee was unanimous in its decision not to offer such an amendment, and now I will try to explain that decision.

H.A.D. No. 1 was created by the 103rd Legislature, and the present hospital facilities in Lincoln are limited to two privately owned hospitals. In this whole State of Maine there are but three privately owned hospitals. The hospitals in Lincoln, and I have talked with the owners of these hospitals, are in favor of L. D. 450, and in favor of the Hospital Administrative District. They have been informed by the Department of Health and Welfare that their licenses which they must

have from the State, are at best tenuous, due to their inability to presently meet the standards of medicare. The Hospital Administrative District is presently comprised of fifteen participating towns. An application has been made by the District under the Hill-Burton Act for matching Federal funds for the construction of a new hospital. The member towns at their respective town meetings in 1967 voted overwhelmingly to form the H.A.D., each participating town committing itself to all participating towns to construct and maintain an adequate hospital. Each of the participating towns is still committed to this end.

This Legislature in the second Special Session of the 103rd in January of 1968 amended the original act that created H.A.D. 1 and among other areas of change granted authority to the Board of Directors of which there are two from each member town except Lincoln, which has three, to borrow a sum not to exceed in the aggregate \$100,000, but this was in anticipation of revenue. The authority to borrow in anticipation of revenue was unfortunately limited to one year from the effective date of the amendment. Due to the closing of the Lincoln mill, among other things, the progress on the hospital was substantially slowed. If the participating towns are to realize the construction of their new hospital, and to this end they are already committed, it is absolutely essential that monies be available for operation costs, for nurses, for utilities and many other expenses. Before the hospital can open its doors, to deny the directors the ability to borrow in anticipation of revenue as called for by this bill, would be an act of irresponsibility.

It would in effect halt any further efforts toward the realization of adequate hospital facilities in the greater Lincoln area. The gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley now seeks to kill L. D. 450 and asks that it be referred to referendum on a new bill. I ask that you consider the impact of the member towns if L. D. 450 is killed at this time.

The Hospital Administrative District may be dissolved according to the legislation that was passed in the 103rd. However, each town who participates in the district must vote to kill the district, one town cannot kill it by itself. What we are being asked to do in effect is to let one town kill the district. In voting for this district there were fifteen towns participating, as I said. The totals were 1,452 for, and 101 against. Do we need any more convincing argument than a very small minority is asking for another bite at the apple so to speak?

In conclusion, I would say if the borrowing power asked for is not granted, the end result will, in all probability be, that the area concerned will not only have failed to provide adequate medical care, but the two existing private hospitals will in the near future be closed, leaving the entire area without so much as a first aid station. I therefore ask you to vote against the motion of Mr. Dudley from Enfield. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The pending question is the motion of the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, that Bill "An Act relating to Issuance of Temporary Notes by Hospital Administrative District No. 1 in Penobscot County," House Paper 342, L. D. 450, be indefinitely postponed. A vote has been requested. All those in favor of the motion to indefinitely postpone will vote yes, those opposed to indefinite postponement will vote no, and the Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

11 having voted in the affirmative and 99 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs report out a bill eliminating all dedicated revenues,

except for Highways and Fish and Game.

(On motion of Mr. Chick of Monmouth, tabled pending passage and tomorrow assigned.)

The Chair laid before the House the matter tabled earlier in today's session and assigned for later in today's session:

Bill "An Act Providing Funds for the Official Observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine," H. P. 590, L. D. 732, tabled earlier by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, pending passage in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, I now move that we recede from our former action.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, now moves that the House recede from its former action. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The same gentleman then offered House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-16) was read by the Clerk.

House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" (H-68) was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland, tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Hichens of Eliot was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HICHENS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: February is known as the month of snows, and as we look out the windows and have been travelling these last two or three days, I am sure we will agree that it is living up to its reputation.

February is also known as the month of birthdays, and we celebrate birthdays of several of our friends and acquaintances, but they are overshadowed by the birthdays of great men of history, and even in this House, we find that some of the birthdays celebrated are

overshadowed by men who are better known or have a higher standing in the House. I would refer to February 11th when Representative Norman Pratt observed his birthday, but it was overshadowed because the Speaker of the House observed his birthday on that same date. (laughter)

Today we have a similar circumstance. Representative Chester Burnham of Naples observes his birthday on this day, but he too is overshadowed because we also celebrate the birthday of an elder statesman of the House, the eldest member of the House today is eighty-two years young, and I am sure that — (Prolonged Applause, the members rising.)

The SPEAKER: The Chair allowed the members to make a demonstration, but you have interrupted the speaker who had unanimous consent. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. HICHENS: I will forgive the interruption, Mr. Speaker. In remembrance of this occasion, and representing the Gideons of the State of Maine, whom you are well acquainted with the work that they do, most of you have seen the Bibles and Testaments that have been distributed throughout this State and other States in the Nation and throughout the World, I am presenting both of these gentlemen a leatherbound blue covered copy of the Dignitaries Edition of the Holy Bible as presented by the Gideons. So that you too may observe and remember this day, I am also offering, on behalf of the Gideons of the State of Maine, a Bible which has been paid for by these individual Gideons, a copy for every member of the House of Representatives. The other chamber have also received the same invitation to accept this copy of the Bible, and I will be standing out by the Post Office window at the close of the session to present one to everyone who would like one.

I am sure that Reverend Meisner will be glad to autograph your Bible if you so desire to have one today, so that you may remember this occasion in his honor. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Meisner of Dover-Foxcroft was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. MEISNER: I will be very brief, Mr. Speaker. Two years ago I think, when we celebrated my birthday, I did make quite a speech, and that will have to do for the rest of my life.

I think on my birthday would be a good time for me to express my grateful thanks to the members of this Legislature who have been so kind to me in the time of my illness by letters and telephone calls and cards and flowers, you have remembered me, and I have learned that kindness and thoughtfulness is better than most therapy. It makes you feel very good when friends remember you, especially on occasions like these.

I cannot make a speech today but I just am overwhelmed by all the kindness that you have shown me since I have been in the Legislature, and especially today, and the kindness every day, your thoughtfulness of me as I am here among you, as I guess a little song I think that goes that "lovely people like you make me love people like you." And so because of your thoughtfulness I love you very much and I thank you very very much. (Applause)

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston was granted consent to address the House.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Certainly without the privileged eloquence of the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft Mr. Meisner, I would talk this morning very briefly about two groups. It was in my mind to talk about one of the groups a few days ago, but frankly I had composed a few words — I lost them but I found them this morning.

The first group that I would speak of is the employees of the Maine State Highway Department. I am not speaking of the engineers, I am not speaking of the Commissioner, who do their work equally as well, nor the office staff. I am speaking of the individuals who stand behind the plow, who are driving a plow, who are helping to remove the snow during the very bad storms, and unusual

storms certainly for Maine, that we have had in the last few days. I am one of those who travel most of the time between here and home, which is some sixty or seventy miles, and I was really and truly amazed at not only yesterday but even today, that the road that I travelled, which is heavily travelled I'll admit, between Lewiston and Augusta, was of a nature that it was, that it didn't take me any too much more time to get to the City of Augusta yesterday and today than it did in the last few days, not hardly any snow on the ground.

I think you must bear in mind that the great percentage of the people who have done this work from one area of the state to the other have been without sleep since yesterday morning. I have talked to many of them, I have reason to in some of the work that I do, and I think that somewhere along the line these people — we should remind these people that we are certainly aware of the fact that they are keeping our roads open and that they are doing a good job. I feel that certainly somewhere along the line that we should recognize this. The Speaker spoke yesterday about how proud he was that so many of us could make it. Well I think one of the major reasons, and I know the Speaker will agree with me, is that the roads were kept open, so they were available for us to take advantage of and get to our seats.

And the next group involves itself with our newsboys, and I can remember many many moons ago that on days like this believe you me I had to be shaken up more than once to venture out; but venture out I did, being the youngest in a large family I had to. The last storm we had I went downstairs at six o'clock and found my newspaper there. I know the newsboy had to wade through quite a lot of snow to get to my door. This morning I went downstairs at ten minutes of six and I looked out and my newspaper was there. So that these words I think are appropriate to our dedicated newsboys.

Hats off and a great big hand today,

For the newspaper boys who
went out of their way.
Through snow and sleet in the
worst kind of weather
They braved the elements their
papers to deliver.

Their's is the stuff of which
heroes are made,
For outstanding efforts they
cannot be paid.
Their road is not easy, their
rewards they are few,
But let us give credit where
credit is due.

Thanks to all newsboys, we
will all sing their praise
For the dedicated service all the
rest of our days.

They say that big oaks from
little acorns grow,
And these boys will be tops in
the future we know.

I think that we should give for
these two groups, the Highway em-
ployees—for braving these storms
and these newsboys who are
delivering the news to us, a great
big hand before we adjourn today.
(Applause)

On motion of Mr. Chick of
Monmouth,

Adjourned until one-thirty o'clock
tomorrow afternoon.