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OF THE

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Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1969

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

HOUSE

Thursday, February 27, 1969

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Claude J. Wivell of Augusta.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: We have a very distinguished visitor in the State of Maine this afternoon, and I would like to give him proper recognition. He is the Consul-General Francis Cunningham, here in the course of a six-week trip for the Department of State for the purpose of fostering educational and cultural exchanges between institutions in Quebec Province, Canada and those in New England and eastern New York. Mr. Cunningham, a career officer of the Foreign Service, was United States Consul-General at Quebec from November 1965 through January 1969.

The Chair would request the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Noyes, to escort this distinguished gentleman to the rostrum for proper recognition.

Thereupon, Mr. Noyes of Limestone escorted Consul-General Francis Cunningham to the rostrum, amid applause of the House, the Members rising.

Mr. FRANCIS CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Speaker, Distinguished Representatives: I am a foreign service officer from Nebraska and it has been my privilege for more than three years to represent all our states, but particularly the adjoining States adjoining Quebec Province to represent them on behalf of the City of Quebec. I see a lot of people from Maine come to Quebec and I am glad to say that during these three years I think the task for which I am here today has made progress. I mean the contact and the exchange between educational and cultural institutions in that Province and here.

I would simply say that there is a great opportunity growing all the time in this field for the reason that there has been great evolution,

great advance in education and cultural affairs in that Province. I know it will interest you for all sorts of reasons including economic reasons, so I urge you from my situation as an officer of the Department of State, urge you to think even more than you have about those opportunities. Thank you. (Applause)

Thereupon, Mr. Cunningham was escorted from the Hall of the House.

The SPEAKER: We are very pleased to have this distinguished visitor and I would like Mrs. Cunningham to just step into the Hall of the House and be recognized. This is the gracious wife of Mr. Cunningham. (Applause, the Members rising)

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Communication: (S. P. 308)

**MAINE STATE LIBRARY
AUGUSTA**

To the Senate and House of Representatives
State of Maine:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 27, section 5, of the Revised Statutes, the report of the Maine State Library for the period July 1, 1966, to June 30, 1968, is herewith submitted.

(Signed) RUTH A. HAZELTON
Librarian

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.

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

**Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide Funds for Enforcement of the Potato Branding Law" (S. P. 28) (L. D. 86)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Providing Funds for Conservation Education (S. P. 164) (L. D. 539)

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

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Certain Neat Cattle from Personal Property Taxation" (S. P. 116) (L. D. 327) 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-15) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Trailers being Securely Fastened" (H. P. 51) (L. D. 52) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on February 19.

Came from the Senate recommitting to the Committee on Transportation in non-concurrence.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Providing Full Reimbursement for High School Diploma Programs in Maine's General Adult Evening Schools" (H. P. 215) (L. D. 265) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on February 20.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Com-

mittee Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" 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, March 4, at 10 o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 321)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

Messages and Documents

The following Communications:
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

February 27, 1969

To the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives of the 104th Legislature

In accordance with Title 3, Section 276 of the Maine Revised Statutes I am transmitting reports by the Maine Intergovernmental Relations Commission on "The Limitation on Municipal Indebtedness" and "Home Rule."

These two reports concern subjects of great concern to our municipalities. Legislative proposals relating to these topics will be submitted for the consideration of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully.

(Signed)

KENNETH M. CURTIS
Governor

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

February 27, 1969

The Honorable Bertha W. Johnson
Clerk of the House
of Representatives
State House

Augusta, Maine
Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Today, in accordance with my Constitutional duty, I am submitting a message on Governmental Reform.

It contains proposals which supplement those in my Budget Message delivered to the 104th Legislature on January 9, 1969.

(Signed)

Respectfully,
KENNETH M. CURTIS
 Governor

The Communications were read and with accompanying reports and message ordered placed on file.

**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 Repealing Milk Control Prices at the Retail Level" (H. P. 847) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

Bill "An Act Repealing Milk Control Prices at the Retail Level" (H. P. 848) (Presented by Mrs. Wheeler of Portland)
 (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Appropriations
 and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Sesquicentennial Scholarship Fund" (H. P. 849) (Presented by Mr. Hardy of Hope)

Bill "An Act to Provide Free of Charge Hearing Aids to Those Persons Earning Less than Four Thousand Dollars Annually" (H. P. 850) (Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Maine National Life Insurance Company" (H. P. 851) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Home Repair Financing Act" (H. P. 852) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Sullivan for Winter Road Maintenance (H. P. 853) (Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro)

Resolve to Reimburse Doris Nankervis of Franklin for Well Damage by Highway Maintenance

(H. P. 854) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Police Professional Liability Insurance for Maine State Police Officers" (H. P. 855) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)

Bill "An Act relating to Appropriation for Field Maintenance Employees of Highway Department" (H. P. 856) (Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act Providing for Adequate Fishways in Dams and Other Obstructions" (H. P. 857) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Winslow)

Bill "An Act Permitting Sunday Hunting of Small Game and Birds" (H. P. 858) (Presented by Mr. Crommett of Millinocket)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting Migratory Game Birds on Sunday East of U.S. Route #1" (H. P. 859) (Presented by Mr. Hardy of Hope)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Compelling Testimony in Civil Discovery Proceedings and Providing Immunity from Criminal Prosecution with Respect Thereto" (H. P. 860) (Presented by Mr. Berman of Houlton)

Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Courts in Domestic Relations Matters" (H. P. 861) (Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act relating to Adoption of Children" (H. P. 862) (Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland)

Bill "An Act relating to Contracts for Support" (H. P. 863) (Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act Revising the Minimum Wage Law" (H. P. 864) (Presented by Mr. Casey of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Firearms Control" (H. P. 865) (Presented by Mrs. Coffey of Topsham)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and printing.

On motion of Mrs. Coffey of Topsham, referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Providing for State Supervision of the Construction and Safety of Dams and Reservoirs" (H. P. 866) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Creating the Harrison Water District" (H. P. 867) (Presented by Mr. Burnham of Naples)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Resolve relating to Retirement Allowance for Hal G. Hoyt of Augusta (H. P. 868) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act relating to Service and Attendance in State Military and Naval Forces" (H. P. 869) (Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta)

Bill "An Act relating to Naming the Bridge between Cousins Island and Yarmouth Mainland" (H. P. 870) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act relating to the Purposes and Powers of the Maine Port Authority" (H. P. 871) (Presented by Mr. Sahagian of Belgrade)

Bill "An Act relating to Costs of Insurance Premium of State Employees" (H. P. 872) (Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Allocating 25% of Sales Tax Collected in City of Saco" (H. P. 873) (Presented by Mr. Bedard of Saco)

Bill "An Act relating to Bond for Excise Tax for Malt Liquor Sold by Wholesalers" (H. P. 874) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Winslow)

Bill "An Act Increasing Maine Forestry District Taxes" (H. P. 875) (Presented by Mr. Farnham of Hampden)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Taxation of Forests" (H. P. 876) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Defining the Term Just Value for Purposes of Property Assessment" (H. P. 877) (Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Valuation of Certain Lands at Current Use (H. P. 878) (Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Local Sealers of Weights and Measures" (H. P. 879) (Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Provide Social Security Rights to Firemen" (H. P. 880) (Presented by Mr. Temple of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act Repealing the Motor Vehicle Dealer Registration Board" (H. P. 881) (Presented by Mr. Lebel of Van Buren)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Hallowell Water District" (H. P. 574) (L. D. 761) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Soulas from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act relating to Tuberculosis Sanatoriums" (H. P. 686) (L. D. 885) 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.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Dam from the Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing Law Providing for Economic and Recreational Development in Oxford County" (H. P. 166) (L. D. 205)

Mr. Farnham from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Industrial Project under Industrial Building Authority" (H. P. 327) (L. D. 414)

Mr. Johnston from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Reports of the Managers of the Maine Industrial Building Authority and the Maine Recreation Authority" (H. P. 189) (L. D. 229)

Mr. Mosher from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act Reducing the Membership of the Board of Trustees of Richmond Utilities District" (H. P. 482) (L. D. 636)

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

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Election Laws reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing Separate Ballots for Voting for President and Vice President" (H. P. 461) (L. D. 598)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. LETOURNEAU of York
ANDERSON of Hancock
KATZ of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Mrs. BOUDREAU of Portland
Mrs. GIROUX of Waterville
Messrs. CARTER of Winslow
HENLEY of Norway
VINCENT of Portland
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. PORTER of Lincoln
MacPHAIL of Owls Head
— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This item is one of the twenty-six bills that I am presenting to this Legislature. Some of you may have noticed that I do not contain myself to one area of the political arena. I run the gauntlet with my legislative proposals, from election law revisions such as this to milk control, which was on today's calendar on page 4, item one, to therapeutic abortions, Workmen's Compensation, collective bargaining, excise taxes for boats, Monday holidays, electronic voting, revision of church laws, constitutional amendments, and so forth and so forth.

The purpose of this bill was to encourage voters to be more selective in choosing the candidates other than those at the top of the ticket. This is not a new idea, although some of us may forget. Prior to 1960 we voted separately for President and Vice President of the United States. I have here a ballot in the 1956 election and it just has two squares on it. One was Republican, Eisenhower and Nixon; the other Democrat, Stevenson and Kefauver. This change was made during the 99th Legislature in the session of 1959, when I was a member of the other august body down the hall. Some may say that I am not very consistent, but to be perfectly honest I did not realize that this was going through. I try to follow legislation very carefully but certain things are bound to escape detection.

For instance, that year that was one of the 1600 bills and this item

was in a twelve-page bill on election law reforms called an Omnibus Bill, and this was one obscure paragraph in fifty-five sections. It was hidden, purposely, by skillful politicians who thought that the presidential nominee, who just happened to be Mr. Nixon in 1960, would help their candidates. They surely surmised correctly. So to my Democrat friends who feel my action is motivated by fear of Mr. Muskie, let them realize that this was a Republican maneuver back in 1959 and let them harken back to the results in 1960 election when both Mr. Coffin and Mr. Donovan were defeated to the surprise of everyone including the victors. No, it has worked equally against both parties and I felt that it would be to the interest of better government that we should change back.

However, I never did expect the support of my friendly adversaries in the now Minority Party, because I am the very first to admit that this is a companion measure to doing away with the big box at the top of the ticket or changing the form of the ballot; and my reasons are exactly the same for this as it is for the other two. I feel that we certainly should discourage straight voting in the interest of better government at all levels.

However, if I was only able to convince two Republicans on the Elections Laws Committee — and I might add that I admire them for their wisdom, then the whole thing is really an exercise in futility. Because even if I were to be successful I am afraid that I would be facing another Governor's veto. So I am going to very reluctantly move that we accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report, but in so doing I want to remind the House that I have another of my famous jewels — as a matter of fact, my favorite gem, the office type ballot, which has just been printed under L. D. 942, and I serve notice herewith that I will not give up my pet of pets with such reckless abandon as I am taking this afternoon.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, moves that the

House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.
Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now would call your attention to Supplement No. 1, which is a House report.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Dennett from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to Deposit of State Funds" (H. P. 643) (L. D. 831) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A" (H-74) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Bill was given its third reading, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Exempt Television Sets and Musical Instruments from Property Taxation" (S. P. 45) (L. D. 148)

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

(On motion of Mr. Richardson of Stonington, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 5.)

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Advisory Board of Review of Operators' License Control Procedures" (S. P. 114) (L. D. 325)

Bill "An Act Eliminating Dedicated Funds from Stuffed Toy Law" (S. P. 144) (L. D. 435)

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

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Entrances from Liquor Licensed Premises" (S. P. 212) (L. D. 622)

Bill "An Act to Permit the Use of Dragers in Parts of Sheepscot Bay During the Month of February" (H. P. 20) (L. D. 23)

Bill "An Act to Grant Certain Changes in the Government of the Town of Sanford" (H. P. 194) (L. D. 248)

Bill "An Act relating to State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board and Providing Funds to Activate the Awards Program" (H. P. 208) (L. D. 258)

Bill "An Act to Grant a Council-Manager Charter to the Town of Orono" (H. P. 340) (L. D. 459)

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.

Bill "An Act relating to Registration and Licensing of Dogs on Indian Reservations" (H. P. 366) (L. D. 476)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This House amendment is simply for the purpose of correcting a phraseology in this L. D. 476. Therefore I present the amendment and move its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-71) was read by the Clerk and adopted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" and sent the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Fulfillment of Contracts by Teachers About to Retire (S. P. 98) (L. D. 308)

An Act Appropriating Funds for Health Education (S. P. 121) (L. D. 383)

An Act relating to Operation of Motorcycles While Learning to Drive (H. P. 128) (L. D. 144)

An Act relating to Headlights and Mirrors on Motorcycles and Motor Driven Cycles (H. P. 155) (L. D. 181)

An Act relating to Conferring Degrees by Unity College (H. P. 214) (L. D. 264)

An Act Permitting Partial Payments at Times other than August and December for Operation of Regional Vocational Technical Centers (H. P. 216) (L. D. 266)

An Act relating to Expiration and Renewals of Certificates of Registration for Land Surveyors (H. P. 237) (L. D. 292)

An Act relating to Closed Time on Gray Squirrels (H. P. 282) (L. D. 358)

An Act relating to Operating Watercraft so as to Molest Wildlife (H. P. 283) (L. D. 359)

An Act relating to Holding Property by Cumberland Farmers' Club (H. P. 286) (L. D. 362)

An Act relating to Maintenance of Paupers by Certain Plantations (H. P. 297) (L. D. 373)

An Act Eliminating Boards of Visitors for State Institutions and Creating Committee on Corrections (H. P. 303) (L. D. 379)

Finally Passed

Resolve Authorizing Flowage Rights to Arthur C. Shute and Emma L. Shute of Sebago on State Highway No. 126 in East Sebago (H. P. 198) (L. D. 245)

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

The following paper from the Senate, appearing on Supplement No. 2, was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

From the Senate: The following Order:

WHEREAS, at a time of rapidly soaring local costs for education many communities of this State are going to receive a reduced amount of state aid from the general purpose subsidy during the first year of the coming biennium; and

WHEREAS, a situation exists that promises great hardship to many communities faced by the necessity either to cut back on the

quality and scope of local educational efforts or to put an untenable burden on local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has a responsibility to move and move quickly to afford tax relief to the communities of the State; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Education meet in joint session with the leadership of both parties and report out a bill to make an increased distribution of school subsidies effective the first year of the coming biennium (S. P. 327)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, may I request that we reconsider Supplement number one, Legislative Document 831, for a moment please?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that under unanimous consent it has been sent forthwith to the Senate.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Then I assume that this is no longer before the House at the time?

The SPEAKER: That is correct, sir.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I will withdraw my motion.

Orders of the Day

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

HOUSE MAJORITY REPORT (6)—Ought not to pass—Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Employer under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 4) (L. D. 4)—MINORITY REPORT (4)—Ought to pass.

Tabled — February 25, by Mr. Farnham of Hampden.

Pending—Acceptance of Majority Report.

On motion of the same gentleman, retabled pending acceptance of the Majority Report and special-

ly assigned for Wednesday, March 5.

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

Bill "An Act relating to the Borrowing Power of Maine Maritime Academy" (H. P. 484) (L. D. 638)

Tabled—February 25, by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor.

Pending—Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Cox of Bangor, 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:

An Act Requiring Reconstructed Public Buildings be Made Accessible to the Physically Handicapped (S. P. 100) (L. D. 310)

Tabled—February 25, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending—Passage to be enacted.

On motion of the same gentleman, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 5.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies" (H. P. 798)

Tabled—February 26, by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor.

Pending—Motion of Mr. McTeague of Brunswick to Reconsider Reference. (Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation)

Mr. McTeague of Brunswick was granted permission to withdraw his motion to reconsider reference.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Ballots Cast by Presidential Electors" (S. P. 99) (L. D. 309) (In Senate, passed to be engrossed)

Tabled—February 26, by Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township.

Pending—Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of the same gentleman, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 5.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Age of Dogs for Licensing Purposes" (H. P. 206) (L. D. 256) (Com. "A" H-53)

Tabled—February 26, by Mr. Hall of Windham.

Pending—Passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Hunter of Durham offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-73) was read by the Clerk and adopted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the seventh 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)—Ought not to pass.

Tabled—February 26, by Mr. Shaw of Chelsea.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Durgin.

Mr. DURGIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to give my reasons for signing the Minority "Ought not to Pass" Report. You will notice in the bill the violation of the rules and regulations has been substituted for a judgment of the inspector. Now my feeling is that the inspector should not be given this authority and if any change should be needed, then it should be changed in the rules and regulations.

Read the last line of section 45, in case of extraordinary hazard the commissioner or his agent may

demand that the hazard be removed immediately. Now I feel that this under the present law is broad enough for any inspector to operate under. I would at this time move the indefinite postponement of this bill and both reports.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Durgin, now moves that both reports and bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Haskell.

Mr. HASKELL: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support Mr. Durgin's reasoning. The Statute further provides that the agent of the commission would have authority to close down a construction job if in his judgment, which is in effect substituted here for a violation of a rule or regulation, if he felt a dangerous condition existed on the job.

No evidence was presented before the Committee that the commission currently has a problem in enforcing safe conditions on construction jobs because of any lack of authority under the act, and it was further developed that generally the inspectors charged with this responsibility were well regarded. However, as a matter of principle, vesting him with this amount of authority in the event an incompetent or an arbitrary inspector happened to be appointed by the state, I think we might have some real difficulties with this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. McNally.

Mr. McNALLY: Mr. Speaker, I didn't realize just exactly what was in this bill, I suppose I ought to pay better attention and less to the snow, but since there are so many bills tabled until March 5 and since I didn't find time enough to review it, I wish it could be tabled until March 6. I think that's Thursday.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Durgin of Raymond to indefinitely postpone the Reports and Bill and specially assigned for Thursday, March 6.

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

HOUSE JOINT ORDER — re Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting out a bill eliminating all dedicated revenues, except for Highways and Fish and Game.

Tabled — February 26, by Mr. Chick of Monmouth.

Pending—Passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. JALBERT.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, this is a very worthwhile order presented by the very capable gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund. I feel that there are some who feel that possibly it is not inclusive enough in some areas and I do not intend to make a motion; others feel that it could be rewritten and referred to its proper agency for study. I do not intend to make a motion. I hope that the motion would be to withdraw the order and redraft one for proper reference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund.

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker, as the members of the House may surmise, this order resulted from a discussion in the Appropriations Committee with regard to the difficulty of dealing in an effective fashion with the budget of the department when only a portion of the revenue of a department came from tax revenues and were subject to legislative control and a portion came from dedicated revenues and was beyond our control for all practical purposes.

At the time the order was discussed somebody said, well let's run it up the flagpole and see who salutes. There have been some salutes, some from people who feel it doesn't cover enough ground, and some from people who feel that it may cover too much ground. I would be the first to concede, however, that this does cover a good deal of area, probably more area than a committee can cover during this session, and I would be pleased to move to withdraw it and I would be happy to assure the members of this House that if the order is withdrawn, there will be another order

directing this study to an appropriate committee, namely, the Research Committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentleman from Augusta withdraws his order.

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

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) (In Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A", (H-33) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-16)

Tabled — February 26, by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

Pending — Adoption of House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A". (Filing No. H-68)

On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, retabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 4.

Mr. Levesque of Madawaska was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I found something quite interesting this morning here in the supplement number one that was distributed, passed first, second and third reading and dispatched to the Senate, and briefly, my interest would be in the "or in repurchase agreements secured by obligations of the United States of America which mature within the succeeding 24 months." I find it quite interesting, although not necessarily understanding it completely, and recognizing fully that the matter has gone to the Senate, I think if I may be in order of requesting the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Scott, who has introduced the document, and because of the nature of the title was not necessarily an indication of what was in the supplement or the L. D., so for these reasons I think probably a brief explanation under unanimous consent may be in order. Thank you.

Mr. Scott of Presque Isle was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. SCOTT: Mr. Speaker, although it has gone to the Senate, I will try to answer the gentleman from Madawaska's question. This is the first time that I have been here that we have had a bill that inured to the benefit of the State and did not increase the taxation on the taxpayers.

All that this bill does is give the State Government the same opportunity that business now exercises in regard to short term investments, by having a repurchase agreement with a bank or a broker handling a large number of government securities. They can, if they have a few million dollars lying around for a week-end or ten days say, before it is needed to be used, this gives them a chance, the State, without risk, to obtain interest income on it.

Now does that satisfy the gentleman from Madawaska? The reason for the emergency is that due to the State having monies coming in, I believe about five million dollars on March 7, that they would like to use this on, and it will provide about \$150 a day income to the State per million dollars invested.

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

Mr. MEISNER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I don't always have opportunity to correct the blunders and mistakes I make, but yesterday after making my little address to the House

in appreciation of their wonderful ovation they gave me, you can imagine my emotions were stirred a little bit. Some of you young folks will realize as you grow older that your head will grow less and your heart will grow bigger, and after the session my wife who was in the gallery came down and said: you made a blunder this time, and I said: well, this isn't the first time, what now? So she said: well, you didn't recognize Mr. Hichens, nor you didn't make any recognition of the beautiful Bibles that were presented by the individual Gideons which he represents.

I know that was a blunder on my part, but I hope that I may be excused by the Gideons who have made this fine gesture, and I deeply appreciate their gift to the Legislature of this beautiful Bible in my honor, and I also appreciate the great work that the Gideons are doing in spreading this word of the Lord throughout the world. I suppose we will never know all the good that they have done and all the lives they have saved who in an hour of great crises have looked at this book perhaps because they had nothing else to do, but as they have opened it, they have turned to something that has turned them around in their ways.

I wish to thank Mr. Hichens and the Gideons for this gift on this occasion. Thank you.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Wells, Adjourned until Tuesday, March 4, at ten o'clock in the morning.