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HOUSE

Friday, April 4, 1969

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. John McVicar 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 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, be authorized to furnish additional wrappers and postage stamps for each member of the Senate and House, not exceeding \$12.00 in amount each, for the purpose of distributing the various reports of the Departments of State and other public documents such as they may desire to mail to the citizens of the State; and be it further

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the members of the Legislature be furnished with additional express and parcel post transportation for all packages and department reports in a sum not exceeding \$6.00 for each member, the privilege granted to be a personal privilege not to be exercised by anyone other than the member and that such transportation be furnished and expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, and the unexpended balance at the close of the year 1969 shall be available for use in 1971. (S. P. 425)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act Permitting Absentee Voting for Town of Sanford" (S. P. 359) (L. D. 1223) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

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

Covered by Other Legislation

Report of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act relating to Selling Certain Drugs" (S. P. 266) (L. D. 870) reporting Leave to Withdraw, as covered by other legislation.

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 Towns and Counties reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Authorize Cumberland County to Raise Money for Court House Capital Improvements" (S. P. 307) (L. D. 1000)

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.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act relating to the Certification of Operators of Water Treatment Plants and Water Distribution Systems" (S. P. 317) (L. D. 1031) 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-58) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence, and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report

Report "A" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for a Seven Member Council for the City of Westbrook" (S. P. 217) (L. D. 673) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. KELLAM of Cumberland
TANOUS of Penobscot
— of the Senate.
Messrs. NORRIS of Brewer
SHAW of Chelsea
Mrs. BAKER of Orrington
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. CONLEY of Cumberland
— of the Senate.
Mrs. WHEELER of Portland
Messrs. COTE of Lewiston
CUSHING of Bucksport
COX of Bangor
— of the House.

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

In the House: Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, I move that Report "A" be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker, moves that Report "A" be accepted in concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Carrier.

Mr. CARRIER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: L. D. 673 is of great importance to me as it would be to you if it concerned the citizens that you represent. At the outset, I wish to say that I am against the passage of this bill and I will give you my reasons later.

To give proper consideration to the bill I will divide it in three parts: First, the bill itself; secondly, the standpipe provision on the back part of the bill; and thirdly, the Committee amendment.

I wish to say that I appreciate the good judgment and consideration given to the bill by the Legal Affairs Committee. Regardless of what position they took on the bill,

I feel that they have done so in good faith.

Now L. D. 673 concerns the citizens of Westbrook whom I represent in this House. I oppose this bill mainly because the people of Westbrook would be cut off proper representation in the city affairs. This document proposes to reduce the City Council from thirteen to seven. At present we have thirteen councilmen and a Mayor form of government.

In 1968 the City Council had eighty-nine meetings. Can you visualize the work load that is being done by thirteen dedicated persons, and entertain the thought that seven members could do as well or better? I cannot agree to such a concept.

Westbrook, like many other towns and cities, has numerous problems. It has been claimed that their Council is unwieldy. If so, I claim that it is due to poor leadership and it is up to both political parties to present persons who can lead and properly guide others to solve what problems confront them. In all fairness I think that the present members of the City Council are doing the best they can under the many problems that a growing city presents. All of the councilmen are dedicated to the task of serving their constituents in the best manner they know of. This legislation does not have the blessing of either political party.

The people of Westbrook voted down a proposal of reducing the Council to nine not seven in a local referendum a few years back. So this was an outward expression that the citizens of our town do not intend to have their representation reduced or jeopardized. It would be a great injustice to let this happen when today there is a greater demand and encouragement for people to take a more active part in their government. With a seven-member Council, it is obvious that the City could be run by four persons—four persons to decide for approximately 14,000 people. This is possible for four persons to control the City if two or three members are missing at the regular Council meetings. This is unac-

ceptable and I am violently against such a proposal.

Secondly, under the standpipe provision on the back part of the bill which has been crossed off, which actually would repeal that provision, this provision as read leads us to think that the antique dealers would have Old Home Day picking up standpipes in the City of Westbrook. To my knowledge there are no standpipes at present available. However, this part of the bill is again an attempt to take away the rights of the people in the event that there would be any standpipes to be set up in the future.

If you read that section closely, you will have to agree with me that the rights of the people should not be taken away from them whether the need is there or not. I claim that this part of the bill should not have been included in the question of reducing the Council, but should be presented in a different bill by itself and not allowed for the people to give away their right under a camouflaged atmosphere.

Again the people of Westbrook do not deserve this kind of treatment. Delay in passing this bill is preferable to error.

Thirdly, let's look at the amendment and I would call your attention specifically to Committee Amendment "A." I was very surprised at the contents of this amendment. I am told it was drawn up by a lawyer and was signed and presented by another lawyer.

Well, this amendment as presented and if passed would be in total disregard of the powers given under the City Charter to the City of Westbrook. I will not go into the details of this as it is rather lengthy. But I would ask only one question—Are the people supposed to vote at a regular meeting or special meeting, or are they supposed to vote at a referendum? The date of 1970 on that amendment also could mean a vote at a State level election rather than a City election as called by that charter.

For these reasons and many others not mentioned, I submit to

you that this is not good legislation and hope that you will go along with me on the following motion. I now move that this bill and all its papers be indefinitely postponed and ask for a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Bernier.

Mr. BERNIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am also from Westbrook, and it is with much pain that I speak against my friend and cohort, you might say, from Westbrook. He is partly responsible for me being here today, but I feel that it is my duty to do what must be done rather than adhere to friendship. That is why I was sent here.

This bill, the way Mr. Carrier from Westbrook presented it, certainly seems to be of much importance. Unfortunately, or rather I must say I don't attach that much importance to it. In fact, with the attached referendum clause, I see no reason why we cannot send that back to the people and let them decide whether they want it or not.

Now a thought occurs to me, as long as I am up here, that at the time, today, this affects Westbrook only. But I am very sure that in many other communities you have the same situation. Come caucus time and what happens? Nobody shows up. What you really have, that you draft someone to run as alderman. Some people are elected, and I am very sure they have never showed up, and they have to be advised of the fact that they are on the council—probably not quite that drastic, but somewhat in that line. It is a sad state of affairs, but people today are more interested in their "idiot box" than they are in taking part in their government. They have no time, no desire, they do not wish to make the effort to devote themselves to see that their government is well run.

Now, Mr. Carrier referred to this Committee that was established some time back to make a study of the situation in Westbrook, and I must say that this study was a full bi-partisan study, composed of a committee headed

by a Mr. Phil Stultz, DED Director of Greater Portland, Rudolph Greep, the Manager of S. D. Warren Company, Ralph Harper, who I don't happen to know, Albert Noyes, the president of the bank and former Commissioner here in the State, the Bank Commissioner; Frank Rocheleau, Mayor and Judge; Edward Burns, former Representative here in the House; Phil Laffin, city Democratic chairman; and also it is endorsed by four former mayors: Donald Saunders, present Mayor; Leigh Flint, previous Mayor; Frank Rocheleau, Mayor and Judge and City Councilor; and Richard Libby.

Now if a man said there is no interest and that the bill has no value, now why would these men, all these prominent men of the City of Westbrook, back it up? I tell you now, let these people of value, these people of consequence decide whether they want this bill or not. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would call the attention of the House to the fact that there are two representatives from Westbrook and they as you see are taking opposite sides on this question. All this bill would do would be to refer the matter to the City of Westbrook. There is a referendum included and I don't think the Legislature should take the position of deciding this issue, which is purely a local issue. True, they come to us because it is a charter amendment, but under the referendum the people of the City of Westbrook will have a chance to vote on this and decide the issue. Therefore I move the question.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The pending question is the motion—

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Carrier.

Mr. CARRIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: If this bill is to be presented in any form I don't think that this is the right type of form. I think that this was

hastily drawn, that there is indication of no demand whatsoever. At the session, at the public hearing there was one proponent that was the sponsor and I was the opponent. I usually thought that if there is a lot of support there is usually a lot of proponents, but apparently these same people who I know talk on one side of the mouth and then on the other, because they will say one thing to me and they will say something else to somebody else.

So whether they are in favor of this bill or not is somewhat immaterial, because in Westbrook I think there is a need for greater representation. At present, as I quoted before, the councilmen had eighty-nine city meetings, city and special meetings. Now they are way behind in their work and I cannot see how seven people will do that work.

But the main thing is, we are talking about a referendum, we are talking about where a few years ago—and here is an attested copy from the Secretary of State's office, that they voted down a referendum trying then to reduce it to nine and not to seven, and that year's vote on it was 757 to 1,534 against, which gives a majority of more than 2 to 1; and how will they accept, how will they be ready to accept the seven-man council when they cannot accept a nine-man council?

I have talked with many people around that have a population of five and six thousand people, that have five representatives, so if you multiply it by three—we have about 14,000 or probably a little more in Westbrook, that would bring it to fifteen, and I think that thirteen is not an unusual number. We have worked under the thirteen-man council for a number of years and I think that it is much more effective than it would be under a seven-man council. At least it gives the people a chance for representation.

This being Good Friday, I will try to be a good boy and I won't get involved in personalities, and I do not intend to. But I wish to say that I have always thought that before you enter you always

knock. Well the door has been opened and somebody has subjected themselves with a slap on the wrist. This is not the time for it and I won't do it today. But I can assure you that if this bill would be passed for referendum that this would be a great injustice, and I don't think that we would be doing our work as legislators. I think it is our duty to try to come up with better—with as good legislation as we can, and I don't think that this is. I still hope that you will vote for my motion to indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. SHAW: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I signed the "ought to pass" report on this bill. I thought that it was a reasonable charter request. I didn't think that the work load in Westbrook would be any more than the work load in South Portland, and as the people of Westbrook are going to make the final decision on this I went along with the Report A and will oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Bernier.

Mr. BERNIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In answer to Representative Carrier from Westbrook, I must say that I know the Committee voted or approved a nine-member council, but I called up the leadership, that is I called up Mr. Phil Stultz, the president of the DED department—or rather the area development—and they are wholeheartedly in accord to favor this seven-member council. As far as the leadership, I think I have named to you four of the former mayors who are in agreement, who have been under this same problem.

And another fact that I must bring up is that the sponsor of this bill, Arthur Gordon, is a former member of the City Council in Westbrook and he knows whereof he speaks. I know that I was not a member of that Council and neither was Representative Carrier. But I still must insist

that this should be brought back to the people of Westbrook and let them decide whether this is good for them or not. What right do we have to tell them what form of government they should have? What right does anyone have actually to decide for them? They are of age, they are twenty-one years of age—a fact by the way of which I am very much in favor, and I say to myself, as grown-up citizens let them decide whether they want it or not. They are capable and perfectly willing to do their own work, and not have it done here by someone who is disinterested and who couldn't care less.

Now for the last time please I ask you to vote for this measure.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Carrier, that both Reports and Bill be indefinitely postponed. The Chair further understands that the gentleman requested the yeas and nays. All of those desiring a roll call will vote yes; those opposed will vote no, and the Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken and more than one fifth having expressed the desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Carrier, that both Reports and Bill "An Act Providing for a Seven Member Council for the City of Westbrook," Senate Paper 217, L. D. 673, be indefinitely postponed. All of those in favor of indefinite postponement will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Barnes, Carey, Carrier, Casey, Couture, Dudley, Emery, Fortier, M.; Fraser, Giroux, Heselton, Hichens, Hunter, Jameson, Jutras, Kilroy, Lund, McKinnon, Mitchell, Morgan, Ouellette, Rochelleau, Ross, Sheltra, Soulas, Starbird, Wheeler, Wood.

NAY — Allen, Baker, Bedard, Benson, Bernier, Birt, Boudreau, Bragdon, Brown, Buckley, Burnham, Carter, Chandler, Chick,

Clark, C. H.; Clark, H. G.; Corson, Cote, Cottrell, Crosby, Croteau, Cummings, Curtis, Donaghy, Durgin, Erickson, Evans, Farnham, Fecteau, Finemore, Fortier, A. J.; Hall, Hanson, Hardy, Hawkins, Henley, Hewes, Huber, Immonen, Jalbert, Johnston, Kelleher, Kelley, K. F.; Laberge, Lebel, Lee, Levesque, Lewin, Lincoln, MacPhail, Marstaller, Martin, McNally, McTeague, Millett, Mills, Moreshead, Mosher, Nadeau, Norris, Page, Payson, Porter, Pratt, Quimby, Rand, Richardson, H. L.; Rideout, Santoro, Scott, C. F.; Scott, G. W.; Shaw, Snow, Stillings, Susi, Tanguay, Thompson, Vincent, Watson, Waxman, Wight, Williams.

ABSENT — Berman, Binnette, Bourgoin, Brennan, Bunker, Coffey, Cox, Crommett, Curran, Cushing, D'Alfonso, Dam, Danton, Dennett, Drigotas, Dyar, Eustis, Faucher, Foster, Gauthier, Gilbert, Good, Harriman, Haskell, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Lawry, Leibowitz, LePage, Lewis, Marquis, Meisner, Noyes, Richardson, G. A.; Sahagian, Temple, Trask, Tyndale, White.

Yes, 28; No, 82; Absent, 39.

The **SPEAKER**: Twenty-eight having voted in the affirmative and eighty-two in the negative, the motion does not prevail.

Thereupon, Report "A" "Ought to pass" was accepted in concurrence, and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-52) was read by the Clerk.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-62) was then read by the Clerk and adopted, in concurrence. Committee Amendment "A" as amended by Senate Amendment "A" thereto was adopted in concurrence and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Timely Mailing of Tax Reports and Returns (S. P. 282) (L. D. 915) which was passed to be enacted in the House on March 28 and passed to be engrossed on March 26.

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Report "A" of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act to Designate an Official Rock and Mineral for the State of Maine" (S. P. 304) (L. D. 997) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 418) (L. D. 1408) under title of "An Act to Designate an Official Mineral for the State of Maine" and that it "Ought to pass", and Report "B" reporting "Ought not to pass" on which the House accepted Report "B" in non-concurrence on April 1.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby it accepted Report "A" and passed the Bill to be engrossed on March 28, and asking for a Committee of Conference.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Rideout of Manchester, the House voted to adhere.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Repealing an Act Setting Off Lands from Hartland to Pittsfield" (H. P. 239) (L. D. 294) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" which Report and Bill were indefinitely postponed in the House on April 1.

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

In the House:

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi.

Mr. SUSI: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I move that we recede and concur and would speak to my motion.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi, moves that the House recede from its former action and concur with the Senate, and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. SUSI: I will be brief. This bill which would set off certain lands from Pittsfield to Hartland has this general background. In recognition of the problem in-

volved the town managers of Hartland and Pittsfield agreed to this change. The school superintendents of the two districts involved, namely SAD 48 and SAD 53, concurred on this and agreed to the change. To implement this change the selectmen of Hartland and the selectmen of Pittsfield had articles put in the town warrant for each of these towns to accommodate this change. The problem was well publicized in the area newspapers and there was an advertised public hearing on this after which the Legal Affairs Committee gave a unanimous "ought to pass" report on this. Considering all these actions by the people who are best acquainted with this problem, I would hope that today we would cooperate with them in solving what is a difficulty for some people.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambridge, Mr. Quimby.

Mr. QUIMBY: Mr. Speaker, on April 1 we voted to indefinitely postpone this bill and all accompanying papers, which might have turned out to be an April Fool in some department, but I would hope we would be consistent in our voting and insist on our former action. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The motion of priority is the motion of the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Susi, that we recede and concur. All those in favor of receding and concurring will vote yes, those opposed will vote no, and the Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

44 having voted in the affirmative and 54 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Quimby of Cambridge, the House voted to adhere.

Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Permitting Employment of State Prison and Reformatory Inmates on County and Municipal Public Works Projects" (H. P. 497) (L. D. 651) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment

"A" thereto in non-concurrence in the House on April 2.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A", and asking for a Committee of Conference.

In the House: On motion of Mr. MacPhail of Owls Head, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 8.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Minimum Speed under the Motor Vehicle Laws (H. P. 696) (L. D. 896) which was passed to be enacted in the House on April 1 and passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" on March 26.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mrs. Boudreau of Portland, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Providing for Transportation of Passengers in Units of Trucking Equipment on a Test Basis" (H. P. 1087) (L. D. 1341) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 26.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater, 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, April 8, at 10 o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 429)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

House Resolution

The following Joint Resolution presented by Mr. Moreshead of Augusta and approved by a ma-

majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills for introduction in accordance with Joint Rule 11:

Joint Resolution Making Application to the Congress of the United States for the Calling of a Convention to Propose an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. (H. P. 1107)

The Joint Resolution was read, referred to the Committee on State Government, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills, approved by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills for appearance on House Calendar, were received and referred to the following Committees:

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Strikes of insurance Agents" (H. P. 1108) (Presented by Mr. Scott of Wilton) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Lease of School Facilities by School Administrative Units" (H. P. 1109) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Selectmen of Town of Mount Desert" (H. P. 1110) (Presented by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Clark of Wells presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, we wish to express our sorrow on the passing of General Willard G. Wyman, a distinguished Army commander and a native son of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, he faithfully directed countless lives in the best national interest, rendering a service to the well-being of mankind which will continue to grow as

others follow and cite his example; and

WHEREAS, he served many commands, but it is reported of Normandy that "there were heroes on Omaha Beach that bloody day, but none of greater stature than Wyman . . ."; and

WHEREAS, General Wyman holds the nation's highest honors for heroic deeds, he equally has earned the pride and appreciation of the people of this State for his life's work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The Senate concurring, that the members of this Legislature extend our deepest sympathy to his family and our understanding to others who share in the loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Joint Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of the deceased. H. P. 1111)

The Resolution was adopted and was sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Casey from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Revising the Minimum Wage Law" (H. P. 1067) (L. D. 1396) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Haskell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to State Employee's Grievance Procedure" (H. P. 473) (L. D. 627)

Mr. McTeague from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Revising the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation Law" (H. P. 1037) (L. D. 1347)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Burnham from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Town Road Improvement Fund for Bridges" (H. P. 726) (L. D. 944)

Mr. Hall from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Weighing of Trucks" (H. P. 598) (L. D. 779)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Lee from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Reimbursement of Fuel Tax for Miles Traveled on Maine Turnpike" (H. P. 371) (L. D. 511)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Crosby of Kennebunk, tabled pending acceptance of Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 9)

Mr. Lee from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Appropriation for Field Maintenance Employees of Highway Department" (H. P. 356) (L. D. 1098)

Mr. McNally from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Access Driveway from Route 1 to Certain Properties in Stockton Springs" (H. P. 1028) (L. D. 1337)

Mr. Danton from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Acceptance of Payment for Material Supplied when Title not Merchantable or Check in Full" (H. P. 331) (L. D. 440)

Mr. Hewes from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Detention of Juveniles" (H. P. 935) (L. D. 1196)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: We have some guests that are visiting the House today, and they have received some extraordinary rewards for their efforts, and they are the guests of Representative Roland Gauthier of Sanford. The Chair would request that gentleman to escort his guests to the rostrum for recognition, and the Sergeant-at-Arms will lead the escort. The Chair apologizes. One of these girls is the guest of the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Jutras.

Whereupon, the Misses Caroline Ann Merrifield and Christina E. Fredet were escorted to the rostrum by the Representatives from Sanford, Mr. Gauthier and Mr. Jutras, amid applause, the members rising.

The SPEAKER: Caroline Ann Merrifield is a Sanford High School winner of the Top Homemaker Contest. Miss Merrifield, a Senior at Sanford High School, has been chosen Maine State Betty Crocker of Tomorrow. She ranked first among 3,937 senior girls in 117 of the State's high schools who took the annual Betty Crocker Knowledge and Aptitude Test given throughout the Nation last December.

Ann, as she is called by her friends, will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills, sponsors of the National contest, and is now eligible for selection as All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. This winner will be determined on the basis of her score in the original test, plus personal observation and interviews during an expense-paid tour of Washington, D. C. and colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, next month. The tour will be climaxed by the American Table Dinner in Williamsburg at which time the winner will be announced.

Miss Merrifield is the daughter of Mrs. Caroline Merrifield and the late Emil Merrifield of Sanford. She is a National Merit Finalist and has twice been the highest ranking undergraduate student at Sanford High School. She is co-editor-in-chief of the Yearbook, a member of the student council and National Honor Society.

Miss Merrifield is accompanied today by her mother, Mrs. Caroline Merrifield and her Home Economics teacher at Sanford High School, Mrs. Cynthia Morgan, who are present in the gallery. And which one of you delightful young ladies is Miss Merrifield? Congratulations! (Applause)

And the other young lady is Miss Christina E. Fredet. She is the first prize winner of the "Ability Counts" writing contest which is sponsored by the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and open to High School juniors and seniors in the State.

For her winning community survey report on the theme: "What Every Employer Should

Know About Handicapped Workers." Miss Fredet will receive a \$100 United States Savings Bond plus an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped late in April. Her report has been entered in the National competition for \$2,500 in cash awards.

Miss Fredet is a sixteen year old high school junior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Fredet of Springvale. She is the first to represent Sanford High School among the contest prize winners.

Miss Fredet is active in the Tri-Hi-Y Club, Sanford High School Glee Club, Photographer for the Distaff School Year Book, Reporter for the Red and White, and that's the school newspaper, and participates in intramural sports and the track team.

Her hobbies include the piano, sewing, all sports, water and snow skiing, swimming and tennis. She plans to attend a four-year liberal arts college and graduate school.

Miss Fredet is accompanied today by her English and Debate Teacher at Sanford High School, Mr. Melvin Day.

Will the escorts of these two young ladies rise and be recognized by the members of the House of Representatives, because we know that you are as proud of these young girls as their parents and their particular high school. (Applause)

The Chair has been informed by Representative Bragdon that Emil Merrifield was in the Legislature in 1937 and '39.

I think young ladies that we can feel proud of you, considering the generation gap that we are facing, shall we say, of this day and age, that you are a credit to the young people of the State of Maine, and to the Nation, and the House of Representatives is delighted to honor you on your presence here and what you stand for. (Applause)

Whereupon, the Misses Merrifield and Fredet were escorted from the Hall of the House amid

prolonged applause, the members rising.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs

Mr. Durgin from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Hour and Wage Standards for Firefighting Personnel of the Auburn Fire Department" (H. P. 692) (L. D. 892) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities

Mr. Dennett from the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Permitting Use of State Wharves in Portland Harbor" (H. P. 911) (L. D. 1172) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Draft Printed

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Regulate Sewer Utilities" (H. P. 481) (L. D. 635) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1106) (L. D. 1423) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Bragdon from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Temporary Loans by State" (H. P. 85) (L. D. 94)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Operate the Board of Pesticides Control" (H. P. 676) (L. D. 875)

Mr. Sahagian from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Expansion of a Building for Maine Employment

Security Commission" (H. P. 504) (L. D. 675)

Mr. Hewes from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Age of Girls Committed to Stevens School" (H. P. 936) (L. D. 1197)

Mr. Moreshead from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing Maurice and Elizabeth M. Woodside to Bring Civil Action Against State of Maine (H. P. 387) (L. D. 497)

Mr. Clark from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Area of and Borrowing Power of the Corinna Water District" (H. P. 942) (L. D. 1203)

Mr. Lawry from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Creating the Winterport Water District" (H. P. 1045) (L. D. 1373)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Good from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Establishing an Occupational Safety Rules and Regulations Board" (H. P. 338) (L. D. 447) 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-151) was read by the Clerk and adopted, and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act Adding Services to Alcoholics and Drug Addicts to the Responsibilities of the Bureau of Mental Health" (H. P. 629) (L. D. 817) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. STUART of Cumberland
GREELEY of Waldo
— of the Senate.
Messrs. BINNETTE of Old Town
FRASER of Mexico

Mrs. WHITE of Guilford
Mrs. PAYSON of Falmouth
Mr. CARRIER of Westbrook
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MINKOWSKY
— of Androscoggin
— of the Senate.
Messrs. SOULAS of Bangor
NOYES of Limestone
— of the House.

Reports were read.

On motion of Mr. Carey of Waterville, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-152) was read by the Clerk and adopted, and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Grant Adult Rights to Persons Twenty Years of Age and to Reduce the Voting Age to Twenty Years (H. P. 614) (L. D. 802)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. BELIVEAU of Oxford
— of the Senate.
Messrs. RIDEOUT of Manchester
DENNETT of Kittery
Miss WATSON of Bath
Messrs. MARSTALLER
— of Freeport
DONAGHY of Lubec
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WYMAN of Washington
LETOURNEAU of York
— of the Senate.
Messrs. D'ALFONSO of Portland
STARBIRD
— of Kingman Township
— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Rideout.

Mr. RIDEOUT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The State Government Committee has heard many bills on this particular subject. Some have been reported out and are pending, and I think in all fairness that we should deal with the pending legislation and have that disposed of before we tackle this, so I would request one of my friends in this august body to put this on the table until these other matters are dealt with.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Starbird of Kingman Township, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 10.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Prohibiting Furnishing Liquor to Certain Persons" (S. P. 211) (L. D. 620)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting Mink in Cumberland, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties" (S. P. 421) (L. D. 1416)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Forfeiture of Vehicles Used to Transport Narcotics" (H. P. 734) (L. D. 952)

Bill "An Act relating to Residence of Write-in Candidates on Ballots" (H. P. 889) (L. D. 1148)

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 Requirement for a Board of Registration" (H. P. 1103) (L. D. 1421)

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

(On motion of Mr. Henley of Norway, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 9.)

Third Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Incurables at Juvenile Training Centers" (H. P. 1104) (L. D. 1422)

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

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

Mr. SOULAS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have just received a communique from the Attorney General's Office in regard to this L. D. 1422 and for some reason or another an entire paragraph has been omitted, and until such time as the amendment is being drawn up, I would hope somebody would table this.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Mills of Eastport, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 8.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to School Lunch Programs" (S. P. 236) (L. D. 709)

Bill "An Act relating to Turn Signals" (H. P. 1059) (L. D. 1390)

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 Trailers Being Securely Fastened" (H. P. 51) (L. D. 52)

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

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Grant a Charter to the Town of South Berwick (H. P. 66) (L. D. 85)

An Act Exempting Sales to Certain Children Treatment Centers from the Sales Tax (H. P. 182) (L. D. 221)

An Act relating to Special Offices for Indian Tribes (H. P. 395) (L. D. 505)

An Act relating to Education of Indians (H. P. 531) (L. D. 702)

An Act relating to Definition of Hotel under Liquor Law (H. P. 700) (L. D. 900)

An Act relating to Naming the Bridge Between Cousins Island and

Yarmouth Mainland (H. P. 870) (L. D. 1113)

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.

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Tabled and Assigned

An Act Concerning the Administration and Program of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (H. P. 906) (L. D. 1167)

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

(On motion of Mr. Snow of Caribou, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 9.)

Orders of the Day

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

Bill, "An Act to Prevent the Pollution of the Waters of China Lake" (H. P. 704) (L. D. 904) (Committee Amendment "A" H-124)

Tabled — March 28, by Mr. Carter of Winslow.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Carey of Waterville, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 11.

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

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought not to pass" Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Jay" (H. P. 428) (L. D. 552)

Tabled — March 28, by Mr. Scott of Wilton.

Pending — Acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Scott of Wilton, retabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 9.

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

Bill "An Act relating to the Sale of Fireworks" (H. P. 284) (L. D. 360) (In House, Indefinitely Postponed) (In Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" S-44)

Tabled — April 1, by Mr. Tynedale of Kennebunkport.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Corson of Madison to recede and concur.

On motion of Mr. Corson of Madison, retabled pending his motion to recede and concur and specially assigned for Friday, April 11.

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify School Construction Aid for Certain Units (S. P. 288) (L. D. 930) (In Senate, passed to be engrossed)

Tabled — April 1, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Birt of East Millinocket offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-154) was read by the Clerk and adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

An Act relating to Tuberculosis Sanatoriums (H. P. 686) (L. D. 885)

Tabled — April 1, by Mr. Lawry of Fairfield.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Lawry of Fairfield, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 9.

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

An Act relating to Licensing of Ambulance Service, Vehicles and Personnel (S. P. 263) (L. D. 867)

Tabled — April 2, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill allows the establishment of a Commission to develop a regulatory authority for the use of ambulances throughout the state. It has been my opinion for quite some time that these regulations could be much better done by statute than they can by regulation, and this will allow the members of the Legislature to at least have some insight into what is being developed and what the individual community is being faced with.

I believe that if this bill were to be indefinitely postponed, the Department of Health and Welfare could come up with a reasonably good piece of legislation to allow us to know what we are being involved in. With that thought in mind, I would move the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Berman.

Mr. BERMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to pose a question through the Chair to any member of the Appropriations Committee who may care to answer. I notice on page 3 of this document, L. D. 867, it mentioned that sufficient funds are provided in the budget for the administration of this act, and my question is, how much in dollars and cents is provided in the budget for the administration of the act?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Berman poses a question through the Chair to any member of the Appropriations Committee who may answer if they choose and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: To my knowledge, there is no money in the Appropriations Act

to finance this bill. The bill was heard by the Health and Institutional Services Committee, and the Appropriations Committee had no direct contact with it.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket to indefinitely postpone and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 8.

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

An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditure of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1969 (S. P. 219) (L. D. 660)

Tabled — April 2, by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 9.

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

An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1970 and June 30, 1971 (S. P. 372) (L. D. 1232)

Tabled — April 2, by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 9.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Dirgotas of Auburn.

Adjourned until Tuesday, April 8, at ten o'clock in the morning.