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HOUSE

Monday, May 12, 1969

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

Prayer by Father Lawrence J. Conley of Lewiston.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Mattanawcook Academy Band of Lincoln.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Reports of Committees
Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill "An Act Improving Payment of Benefits under the Maine State Retirement System Law" (S. P. 301) (L. D. 994) 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.

**Referred to Committee
on Highways**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for a Feasibility Study for a High Level Bridge or Vehicular Underwater Tunnel Across Fore River" (S. P. 416) (L. D. 1391) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Highways.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing Funds for Construction of Garage and Storage Facility for Aroostook Association for Retarded Children" (S. P. 287) (L. D. 929)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An

Act relating to Publication of Foreclosure of Notices" (S. P. 348) (L. D. 1214)

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting same on Bill "An Act Revising the State Purchasing Law" (S. P. 253) (L. D. 793)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act to Empower County Commissioners to Contract for Dumps in the Unorganized Territory" (S. P. 395) (L. D. 1348)

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 Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Right to Know Law" (S. P. 215) (L. D. 796) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-125) submitted therewith.

Report of same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Motor Vehicle Operator's License for Nonappearance in Court" (S. P. 398) (L. D. 1350) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-126) submitted therewith.

Report of same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Adoptions" (S. P. 399) (L. D. 1353) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-127) submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence and the Bills read twice. Committee Amendment "A" to each was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bills.

**Divided Report
Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought

to pass" on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Temporary Assignments of Justices of the Superior Court to the Supreme Judicial Court (S. P. 171) (L. D. 545)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MILLS of Franklin
 QUINN of Penobscot
 VIOLETTE of Aroostook
 — of the Senate.
 Messrs. MORESHEAD of Augusta
 FOSTER
 — of Mechanic Falls
 DANTON
 — of Old Orchard Beach
 BRENNAN of Portland
 HESELTON of Gardiner
 — of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BERMAN of Houlton
 HEWES of Cape Elizabeth
 — of the House.

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

In the House: Reports were read.
 (On motion of Mr. Berman of Houlton, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Report "A" of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Agricultural Roads" (S. P. 403) (L. D. 1355)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MILLS of Franklin
 — of the Senate.
 Messrs. DYAR of Strong
 HAWKENS of Farmington
 LABERGE of Auburn
 FORTIER of Waterville
 — of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. PEABODY of Aroostook
 MARTIN of Piscataquis
 — of the Senate.
 Messrs. WIGHT of Presque Isle
 HANSON of Vassalboro

CROMMETT

— of Millinocket
 — of the House.

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

In the House: Reports were read.
 (On motion of Mr. Hardy of Hope, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, May 14.)

Messages and Documents

The following Communication:
 THE SENATE OF MAINE
 Augusta

May 9, 1969

Honorable Bertha W. Johnson
 Clerk of the House of Representatives

104th Legislature
 Augusta, Maine

Dear Madam Clerk:

The Senate has voted to Insist and join in a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill, An Act Relating to Expert Witness Fees as Court Costs. (S. P. 103) (L. D. 312).

The Senate has voted to Insist and join in a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill, An Act Providing for a Presidential Preference Primary, (H. P. 516) (L. D. 687).

The Senate has voted to Insist and join in a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill, An Act Relating to Membership on the Board of School Directors. (H. P. 981) (L. D. 1265).

The Senate has voted to Adhere to its former action whereby it indefinitely Postponed Bill, An Act Relating to Fees of Disclosure Commissioners. (H. P. 823) (L. D. 1062).

Respectfully
 (Signed) JERROLD B. SPEERS
 Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Orders

Mr. Susi of Pittsfield presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the year 1969 marks the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Pitts-

field in the county of Somerset; and,

WHEREAS, the original stalwart settlers of this community and their worthy successors have shaped this forest tract on the Sebasticook River into a proud and prosperous Community; and,

WHEREAS, a Sesquicentennial Committee has now firmly joined hands with the citizens of Pittsfield during the year 1969 in enthusiastically observing appropriate festivities to celebrate their rich heritage and to commemorate the closing of a century and a half of progressive development and to pledge their efforts to an even brighter future; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Senate and House of Representatives of the 104th Legislature of the State of Maine unite in congratulating the Town of Pittsfield for its excellent record of achievement on this, its 150th Anniversary; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to transmit forthwith to the people of Pittsfield, through its Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Alton Cianchette; Town Manager, James Hannigan, and Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee, Kenneth Goodwin, duly authenticated copies of this Joint Order. (H. P. 1182)

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

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Chelsea, it was

ORDERED, that Cleve Robinson and Frances Parker of Farmingdale be appointed to serve as Honorary Pages for today.

Mr. MacPhail of Owls Head presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "An Act Relating to Chiropractic Services for Injured Employee Under Workmen's Compensation Law," (H. P. 1115) (L. D. 1434) be recalled from the legislative files to the House. (H. P. 1183)

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the House that this partic-

ular Order requires a two-thirds vote. Is the House ready for the question?

All those in favor of this Bill being recalled from the files will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken. 80 having voted in the affirmative and 40 having voted in the negative, and 80 being two thirds, the Joint Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Sahagian from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing Bonds in the Amount of One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars for a Student Center at the University of Maine at Portland" (H. P. 915) (L. D. 1176) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Bragdon from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Sesquicentennial Scholarship Fund" (H. P. 849) (L. D. 1091)

Mr. Hewes from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Concerning the Election of Venue of Superior Court Actions for Residents of Brunswick and Harpswell" (H. P. 932) (L. D. 1193)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Covered By Other Legislation

Mr. Richardson from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Creating the Professional Practices Act for Teachers" (H. P. 222) (L. D. 272) reported "Ought not to pass", as covered by other legislation.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Printed Bills Passed to Be Engrossed

Mr. Millett from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Borrowing Capacity of School

Administrative District No. 64” (H. P. 1164) (L. D. 1490)

Report was read.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent ordered sent forthwith.

Mr. Berman from the Committee on Judiciary reported “Ought to pass” “An Act relating to Orders of Care Pending Hearing in Child Custody Cases” (H. P. 554) (L. D. 735)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Richardson from the Committee on Education on Bill “An Act to Change the Time of Apportionment of Educational Subsidies to Administrative Units” (H. P. 1144) (L. D. 1468) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” (H-301) submitted therewith.

Mr. Hewes from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill “An Act Revising Probate Fees” (H. P. 1083) (L. D. 1404) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” (H-302) submitted therewith.

Mrs. Baker from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill “An Act Granting a Council-Manager for the Town of Bucksport” (H. P. 605) (L. D. 786) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” (H-303) 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.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting “Ought not to pass” on Bill “An Act relating to Contracts for Support” (H. P. 863) (L. D. 1105)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. QUINN of Penobscot
VIOLETTE of Aroostook
MILLS of Franklin

— of the Senate.

Messrs. HESELTON of Gardiner
MORESHEAD of Augusta
HEWES of Cape Elizabeth
DANTON
of Old Orchard Beach
FOSTER

of Mechanic Falls
BRENNAN of Portland

— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee on same Bill reporting “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. BERMAN of Houlton

— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. LUND: I would move acceptance of the Minority “Ought to pass” Report and speak to the motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This legislation is designed to give some protection to elderly persons who find that they are no longer able to live by themselves but either need to go to a nursing home or to live with some other person. At the present time there is a practice among some individuals and some nursing homes to require such a person who is looking for an agreement for support for life to convey their entire assets, their entire estate to the nursing home or to the individual providing support. In some cases the elderly person is not in a sufficient, in an alert frame of mind to understand the full value of their assets and in some cases the elderly person is anxious and may make the conveyance under circumstances where you and I would say that it was not a fair deal.

We afford protection under our law to infants, their contracts are subject to review, we afford protection to incompetent persons, and it was my feeling in submitting this bill to the Legislature that

the case of elderly persons who are entering into a contract for life, for support for their life, are similarly entitled to such protection and this bill therefore would require that such contracts would have to be approved by the Probate Court. This would give a measure of protection to elderly persons who now at times are at the mercy of the integrity or the honesty of the person with whom they are contracting when they are looking for arrangements to live out their remaining days.

I would therefore hope that the House would join in voting the "Ought to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Hewes.

Mr. HEWES: Mr. Speaker, I regret to differ in the conclusions of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund. This would be a decided change in the present law. As I understand it, in order for a contract for support to be enforceable under this bill the Probate Court would have to give approval to the contract or the agreement and the Probate Court have the power to declare null and void an agreement perhaps after a party had, say a son, had supported his father for some years and I submit that when — this is not just a part of fraud and duress, under fraud and duress at the present time of a contract to be declared null and void, and I oppose the bill.

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

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In response to the objection which is posed by the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, I would like to point out that the House amendment H-304, which was part of the Minority Report, takes out that provision to which Mr. Hewes objects and would accomplish the objective without encountering the objection which he now poses; and I would hope that the House would join on this motion.

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

Mr. BERMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I stand to support the stand of the gentleman

from Augusta, Mr. Lund. Mr. Lund presented this bill to our Committee on Judiciary and was very fair and candid to say that he thought that the language of the L. D. 1105 could be improved upon. As some of you may know, we are under a rather heavy work load in Judiciary and some of the members of the Committee felt that possibly we might put our time better in some other direction.

However, I did feel that this bill had merit. I spent some considerable time in redrafting this bill to take out the objections which were voiced by my good friend and colleague from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Hewes. So I hope that you will go along with the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund and try to work out some measure of fair play for these elderly people who may not be aware at the time of the import of the document that they were signing.

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

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Inasmuch as this is something that isn't a party bill, I think that I can support Representative Lund wholeheartedly on this bill. In previous years of my experience I have investigated many of these complaints and I find that what Representative Lund has said is absolutely true.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund, that the House accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report. All in favor will say yes; those opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

The Bill was then given its two several readings.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-304) was read by the Clerk and adopted and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An

Act relating to Retail Sale of Wine" (H. P. 1041) (L. D. 1371) reporting same in new draft (H. P. 1181) (L. D. 1502) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BERRY of Cumberland
CONLEY of Cumberland
BOISVERT

of Androscoggin
— of the Senate.

Messrs. FAUCHER of Solon
CHANDLER of Orono
COUTURE of Lewiston
LEIBOWITZ of Portland
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HICHENS of Eliot
TANGUAY of Lewiston
STILLINGS of Berwick
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. TANGUAY: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, tabled pending the motion of Mr. Tanguay of Lewiston to accept the Minority Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, May 14.

Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Legislative Bodies of Municipalities to Reapportion Council Districts" (H. P. 838) (L. D. 1076)

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

Mr. Moreshead of Augusta offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-307) was read by the Clerk.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Rideout of Manchester, tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Wednesday, May 14.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Molesting Game Animals by Snowmobiles" (H. P. 890) (L. D. 1149)

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

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

Mr. LEWIN: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our action on Friday whereby the bill was substituted for the Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Thereupon, the House reconsidered its action.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. LEWIN: Mr. Speaker, I now move the acceptance of the Majority "Ought to pass" Report in new draft, and would speak briefly to it.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lewin, now moves that the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report in new draft. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. LEWIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: You will recall on the last legislative day I spoke on the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Fish and Game Committee on L. D. 1495, a redraft of L. D. 1149. I mentioned several violations by snowmobile operators. This L. D., L. D. 1495, is a move to help prevent the possible annihilation of the deer herd in a few years. If snowmobiles are permitted to travel without any restrictions during the hunting season, it is only quite evident that the deer population will really suffer. This restriction on snowmobiles' use in the forest would not be felt to any great extent during the deer hunting season only.

I would ask that you support the motion to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Dyar.

Mr. DYAR: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am very

surprised at this change of thinking. The testimony heard Friday about this bill, all gentlemen told about the problems we had encountered with snowmobiles in the woods during this past season. The redraft of the bill that they presented would prohibit the use of snowmobiles in the woods of Maine during the deer season with the exception of half an hour after sunset and a half hour before sunrise in the morning.

This particular thing to me is very misleading, that we can make legal poachers out of practically everybody on a snowmobile under this bill, that they will be permitted to go back and forth in the woods at night with weapons under this law. The original bill 1149 which I presented to the Committee and which was heard by this Committee stated, "It shall be unlawful to pursue, drive or molest deer or any game animal by snowmobile or to enter any area known to be a winter yard of such animal with snowmobile without the consent of or in the presence of, a game warden or law enforcement officer." This bill had the approval of the Maine Fish and Game, the Rangeley Guide Association who put it in, and in fact around 1500 sportsmen.

It seems very strange to me that a redraft would come out with such strong consequences of prohibiting the machine from the use of the woods during the month of November and months of the hunting season without having it discussed at the Committee hearing. I feel that the legislation I presented was good legislation and I am very unhappy to see such a stringent law with no regard for the legitimate snowmobile operators try to be passed in this House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Jutras.

Mr. JUTRAS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to offer my support to Representative Dyar's words because I had a bill on snowmobiles also. It was limited to York County only, and as the hearing progressed it was decided that the three bills on snowmobiles would be considered together and a new bill would come out of committee,

which seems to be acceptable and had been acceptable last week. So therefore for that reason I believe that we owe our support to Representative Dyar's bill.

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

Mr. LEWIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Following up the words of my good friend, Mr. Dyar, the Fish and Game Department gave its blessing to this redraft as well as the original bill. I went to quite a length the other day to explain the reasons for this redraft and I cited, and I don't care to take your time now to review it all, but I did mention where several people went in and violated every last thought of a good huntsman and this would be compounded if this were left to go as it is at the present time. I feel this is a good bill; this covers what is needed; it's not putting any restriction except in the month of November and it shall not apply to the use of snowmobiles in a gainful occupation, excluding guides, or the use of snowmobiles on Sunday. I move its passage.

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

Mr. CROMMETT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I disagree with my good friend from Augusta, Mr. Lewin. Certainly there are some areas that need enforcement. I have no patience, neither do I like the antics of the snowmobile owners who have total disregard for the rights of others, but when you penalize all the snowmobile owners in the state just to get at a few I don't think it's right. Now this is an enforcement rather than a legislative action and with the snowmobile that will shortly be before this House with the regulatory authority enforcement given to the Fish and Game Department I think they can very well take care of it. It is the same thing when you think you are going to stop ice fishing all over the state just because you have a few isolated areas that need attention. I don't think it's the right thing to do and I oppose the motion of the gentleman from Augusta.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair

will order a vote. The pending question is on the adoption of the Majority Report in new draft on Bill "An Act relating to Molesting Game Animals by Snowmobiles," House Paper 890, L. D. 1149. All in favor of accepting the Majority Report will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

59 having voted in the affirmative and 61 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House to accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Dyar.

Mr. DYAR: Mr. Speaker, I move that we substitute the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Dyar, now moves that the House substitute the Bill for the Report.

Whereupon, Mr. Lewin of Augusta requested a vote on the motion.

The SPEAKER: A vote has been requested. All in favor of substituting the Bill for the Report will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

86 having voted in the affirmative and 30 having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Financing Statements under the Uniform Commercial Code" (H. P. 454) (L. D. 591)

Bill "An Act Creating the Uniform Limited Partnership Act" (H. P. 978) (L. D. 1262)

Resolve Providing for Purchase of Copies of History of Auburn (H. P. 1077) (L. D. 1400)

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

Passed to Be Enacted Bond Issue

An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$7,540,000 for the Construction and Renovation of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine (H. P. 319) (L. D. 406)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Henley.

Mr. HENLEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I crave your indulgence for a few moments. I wish to make a few statements relative to something which has been bothering me and I know it concerned a lot of us for a long time. I doubt if much that I say today here will do much more than to get it off my chest.

Several years ago some of us began to be concerned with university riots. The minority groups that seem to decide that they were not getting the type of education that they wanted, they tried to impose their will by demonstrations, riots et cetera. These things as I recall several years ago, we heard of them first in California; then as the years went by they kept growing closer, they came to the east coast, Florida, New Orleans, New York, Chicago, Detroit, and all through this time we have thought, now what's going on here, where are we headed?

I have maintained quite a file of clippings and the headlines on those clippings to me seem to be pointing to one particular cancerous group on our university campuses. We have heard of this before; it has been drilled at us in the papers, it's been on television, it's been in special articles. We no longer can ignore it.

I have a fairly close friend up home who is a male school teacher. He has been concerned, he's been concerned because the tentacles of this cancer is now reaching into the high schools. I refer to the SDS, Students for a Democratic Society. A group of headlines states here, SDS Group Seizes Two Buildings at Columbia, Students Take Buildings at Purdue and Dartmouth, Crisis at Hartford,

Harvard, College Militants Plan Nation-wide Strike, SDS Looking Around for Convention Spot. Then we have various editorials. The college administration is asked by our President to have some backbone and stand up against these people, who are not only demonstrating; they are damaging property; they are destroying property; they are injuring people.

This friend of mine up home, in an effort to get at a little more truth, carried on some correspondence with probably the best source in the country for this type of information, the head of our Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover. I have permission to quote some of the information which he obtained from Mr. Hoover. I have permission to quote a letter which he received in answer to one of his to J. Edgar Hoover, and it is dated March 7, 1969. And this gentleman up in my area does not mind quoting his name, Mr. Roland DeCoteau, South Paris.

“Mr. DeCoteau:

In reply to your letter of March 1st, I am enclosing some material on the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) which I hope will be of assistance.

SDS, as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. This association of young people has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status and denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam. It also seeks to “radically transform” the university community and to provide for its complete control by students. The SDS is infiltrated by Communist Party members, and Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, has described the SDS as a part of the ‘responsible left’ which the party has ‘going for us.’

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover”

I realize that to this date we have had no violence on our university campuses but again I ask, where are we headed? We have thought that New England was more or less immune, it just

wouldn't happen. What's happened at Harvard and what's happened now over here in New Hampshire at Hanover? Violence! A small group that insists that they are going to impose their will upon the entire student body and also the faculty of our universities.

I am not against peaceful demonstration. I realize as all of us do that there are inequities, that probably there is room for improvement in curriculum, in educational standards, in instructors at all of our institutions of learning, not only at the universities but all the way up and down the line. None of us are perfect here in the Legislature or in schools or anything else. But what's happened to our democracy, are we going to allow this growing tendency? Are we going to stand by and let small groups of minorities impose their will by force over ten times their number? Isn't there some way that this can be stopped before it starts in our own state? College administrators have been asked to have some backbone and stop this before it starts. A few university presidents have done so. They have laid down the rule ahead of time and nothing has happened. They have been immune from this violence.

I would like to read three paragraphs from a pamphlet, Federal Bureau of Investigation, subject: Statement of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation, before National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, dated September 18, 1968. I would like to quote on page 7, Students for a Democratic Society:

“The emergence of the so-called ‘new left’ movement in this country in recent years has attracted much public attention because of its flagrant resort to civil disobedience. The new left is composed of radicals, anarchists, pacifists, crusaders, socialists, communists, idealists, and malcontents. It is predominantly a campus-oriented movement. A large proportion of the new leftists was reared in affluent homes.

This movement, which is best typified by its primary component,

the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), has an almost passionate desire to destroy the traditional values of our democratic society and the existing social order. The SDS has been described by Gus Hall, General Secretary of the CPUSA, (Communist Party United States of America) as part of the 'responsible left' which the Communist Party has 'going for us.'

In recent months, student disturbances have exploded on college and university campuses throughout the United States, initiated by student activists, many of whom are affiliated with the SDS or campus - based black extremist groups. The riotous activity at Columbia University was spearheaded by Mark Rudd, Chairman of the SDS Chapter at this university. In an open letter to President Kirk, which appeared in the public press in May, 1968, Rudd stated, 'Your power is directly threatened, since we will have to destroy that power before we take over.' "

I have very little more to say. I would like to quote—I say I have only a little more to say, I'm not going to take much more of your time but anybody that's interested and anybody that's interested in reading more of this information which I have from the Bureau of Investigation, it is available. I would like to quote, possibly some of you read it, today's, one of the editorials in the Portland Press Herald of this date, Students, Faculty Misinterpret Character of Campus Revolts:

"The amazing thing about the campus revolts is that it is taking faculties and students so long to recognize what many of them are really all about.

As indicated by their tolerant reaction to the disorder and disruption of education, college administrations and student bodies have interpreted the protest turmoil as the misguided conduct of a minority rightly provoked to some degree by wrongs that need righting.

While true that some of the campus trouble has been no more than this, it has been plain for a long time that many of the protesters have been using campus

problems as an excuse for dissent of a far more serious nature.

They are revolutionaries whose concern is not the correction of academic inadequacies or injustices but to attack and destroy the American society. For this they are more than willing to violate the law, destroy property, shut down universities, stone police, manhandle administration personnel, defy court orders, and damage property in outbursts of violence. This is the time-honored way of those who would impose their will upon the majority, straight out of the manuals of the Communists and Fascists and Nazis.

Astounding to most Americans is that so many of the fellow students of these radicals and so many of their teachers have lent their sympathetic support to them, so unaware that much more than student grievances is involved.

There is much in need of correction in our higher institutions of learning and students have the right and duty to work within the law to this end. But this worthy cause should not be confused with the destructive objectives of those students who seek not to mend but to tear apart."

In view of this and all of these things that are going on, it seems to me that our only weapon as a legislator and possibly as an individual and a citizen is the only weapon which we have is to deny funds to the extent that we can come to some agreement so that we can have some declaration of administration at our universities in this our State of Maine, such a declaration that it will be uninteresting for the SDS to continue its attempts to disorganize and to corrupt and to cause trouble at our universities.

Consequently after this long preamble I cannot vote for this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The issue before you is whether or not you are going to give your vote, the vote necessary to enact a seven and one half million dollar bond issue for the University of Maine's capital construc-

tion program. I would remind you that last week when this bill was before you for engrossment many of us expressed a great deal of concern about the amount of the cut that had been made in the capital construction budget for the University and I told you that I had reluctantly accepted the judgment of the Appropriations Committee on this bill, which deletes from capital construction such things as Phase 2 of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics program, and I suggested to you then that we are now requiring the students at the University of Maine to use a physical education and intramural athletic facility which was built several decades ago for 2,000 students and we now expect 7500 students at the University in Orono to survive happily under that kind of an environment.

This bill, far from containing a giveaway program for the University of Maine, cuts to even below the bare bones level the necessary funds to finance capital construction, renovations and repairs at our University. It is for this reason that I suggest to you that the way to insure that an SDS riot leading to campus anarchy does not occur at the University of Maine or any of its campuses is not to starve these institutions of the necessary facilities to provide a meaningful educational experience for young people. If you want riots, if you want anarchy, the way to get it in my judgment is to see a Communist plot under every expression of dissent and to deny them the necessary funds to operate a university on a first class level.

Now I am amazed, very frankly, by the suggestion that this administration at Orono and at the other campuses of the University is somehow lackadaisical or weak-kneed or slack-jawed about the problem of student dissent—I am amazed by it. Beginning with President Hauck, who was president of the University of Maine during my tenure there, following by President Elliot, then President Young, and now President—former acting president, now President Winthrop Libby. I think that we have a good down to earth common sense ad-

ministration at this University and I should hate to see this Legislature attempt to hamstring its effectiveness by denying it this really paltry sum out of this capital construction request, far below that recommended by the Governor, in some sort of an attempt to serve notice on them that we will not tolerate student anarchy and student violence.

There is no evidence at all that we have done anything other than have a first rate academic and student administration at the University. Last week we had some young students who came down and wanted to talk to us and for some reason I got quoted in the press as saying that I didn't welcome these students here. Well such is not the case. And those of you who saw them standing up back noted that they were well groomed, quiet, intelligent people who were here to present their view in a quiet, intelligent, moderate fashion, and I welcomed them then and I welcome them anytime. This is the kind of student we want at the University of Maine, it is the kind of student we have always had; and if we take action now, out of fright or irresponsibility, that will deny them a first class educational institution, then, friends, we are really missing the boat.

I think that we have a rare breed of common sense in our administration, that will allow these students to peacefully and lawfully express their dissent, and when we gag that I think we are going to have trouble. President Nixon in a recent speech said that it is time for the faculties, boards of trustees, and school administrators to have the backbone to stand up against this kind of situation. The situation he is talking about is when the destruction of life and the infliction of personal injury comes as a result of an administration not facing realities. There is no evidence that this administration at Orono and at the other campus doesn't face reality; and therefore I must most reluctantly disagree with the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Henley, and ask you not to be frightened by the buga-

boo of a nonexistent SDS threat to our academic integrity.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Jutras.

Mr. JUTRAS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question through the Chair to Mr. Henley, whether or not he has made a personal investigation of the situation of the SDS at the University of Maine.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would consider this a very personal question and will not entertain it.

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Last week on this very same bill we got off the subject and we ended up talking about the students who were down here to give us their opinion and to tell us what they wanted to see at the University of Maine. At that time I told you, as the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson has just told you, that the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported out a bill which I did not agree with but I went along with it because President McNeil, or Chancellor McNeil wanted it.

I think that it is unfortunate that we have to discuss SDS movement at the University of Maine when we are talking about trying to construct and renovate facilities at the University of Maine. Now the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Jutras has asked about the SDS situation at the University. I personally know nothing about it from what I read and what I hear and from the students that are there telling me a few things about it. For all I know and what I hear there are about thirty students that belong to this organization, a few more probably but not much more. They have not been attempting to disrupt community life at the campus. They have not attempted to bring their will upon us; they have not marched on us and they haven't marched on the administration and taken over any administration building on the campus.

It is interesting to note that perhaps one of the most unfortunate things that we have in Maine, and perhaps true in other states as well, is that a great deal of the headlines that we read are not necessarily true. There was a headline in last week's paper, the K.J., which said that eggs had been thrown at the ROTC cadets at the University of Maine. If you read beyond the headline you found that the eggs had been thrown by the bystanders to the marchers and not by the marchers on the ROTC candidates. How many of you read beyond the headline and the headline was wrong? How often does this happen? I don't know, but if it happened once it can happen again.

The thing that bothers me more than anything else is that we have to take a small number of students, in this case thirty or a few more at the University, or perhaps a hundred, and we hold them up and give them the publicity, and yet we do nothing to give publicity to those students that do so much good to this society. What publicity do we give to the students who belong to the Tri-Hi-Y program, to those students who belong to the Catholic Youth Organization, to those students who belong to the 4-H Clubs across the state, to DeMolay? You can go right down the line on what activities and how much faith in our newspapers do we give to the student programs of the various high schools going out to clean up the neighborhood, to help us in our educational programs, to help the sick and the poor? We don't see this, but what we see are the persistent few because it is action, and the press looks for it.

Now if I am in any way condemning the press, then let it be taken that way. I think it is unfortunate that we have to take a small number of people and say we are not going to educate the other 10,000 or 20,000 in this state because of a few people. If we are doing this then we are doing something unjustly to the remainder of the population of this state.

Mr. Speaker, I move that when the vote is taken it be taken by the yeas and nays.

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

Mr. RIDEOUT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In relation to Mr. Henley, the SDS at the University of Maine is a very very small minority. But what about the other ninety to ninety-five percent? Shall we deny them and punish them for leading upright lives by withholding the facilities?

To answer Mr. Jutras, the Student Senate election held recently in Orono, the SDS could not elect one candidate — not one. I'm very proud of our young people at the U of M, and let's do what we ought to do and pass this finally.

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

Mr. HASKELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: To get back to the subject, I have studied this capital fund request in great detail, and every nickel of this seven million five is needed and necessary and can be justified. And if the University is to build a plant for the student enrollment that they've projected, it would certainly be irresponsible for us to take a dime out of this amount of money.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have a daughter who is a sophomore at the University. I am going to vote for this bond issue when it comes up. My daughter is attempting to justify the fact that there have been cuts made in the University budget to the other students that she talks with, and I could not in good conscience justify a smaller capital bond issue than we have here because I think this has been cut to the bare bones.

I too am very proud of the youngsters at the University of Maine. I was invited to speak up there, and frankly and truthfully the group of youngsters that I spoke to were outstanding youngsters. They asked far better questions than most of the adults to whom I have spoken. I think that we have every right to be proud of every one of the youngsters up there. Thank you.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There has been some discussion about the size of this bond issue, and I would like to point out to the members of the House that the recommendations in the bill that is before you for the \$7,540,000 were recommendations that came from Dr. McNeil himself. The suggestions were made that if they were to cut back and pass this bond issue at this time and then at the next convening of the Legislature, whether it be a special or regular session, the balance of the items that are in L. D. 406 would then be given consideration. He felt that they wanted to reappraise the entire program before they went further in this area. Dr. McNeil, as we all know, is new at the University, and he wanted to go over the entire capital construction program before he went further than what is recommended in this.

These are the recommendations of the University trustees and the Appropriations Committee acted on them as they were given to us.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Vincent.

Mr. VINCENT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Somehow tomorrow in picking up the paper I can envision headlines pertaining to what has been said here, and I would suggest that it would be a victory for the SDS, for if there is one thing the SDS wants it is attention and publicity, and that's exactly what it's going to get from this discussion.

As to the charges that were presented, it sounds to me like a red herring, and we had these many many times in our past when we sought to scare and intimidate groups within our society. During the thirties we were very very familiar that every time a labor union was organized there were charges of Communist conspiracies, plots to overtake plants, and to give this any more attention than it already has would be, as I said before, playing into the hands of the SDS and give them

exactly what they want and that's attention.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Jutras.

Mr. JUTRAS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: To preclude any misunderstanding about my motive for the question, I would like to state this: I am not a champion of the SDS, and I am not against them. Academic freedom is the name of the game. We will sustain that, and I'll sustain and I'll vote for this bill for the University of Maine, and I would also like to remind the members of this House, ladies and gentlemen of this House, that while academic freedom is the name of the game, we shall never tolerate any violence in demonstrations.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Henley.

Mr. HENLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Lest there be a misunderstanding, I think that possibly various people who have talked since I did have perhaps misunderstood my intention. I do not condemn the thousands of peace-loving students at the University. I have talked to several of the University students at Maine and at Gorham. I've asked them questions about the SDS. I've asked them their opinions and what happened. As near as I could find out from radio and newspapers, I know what happened last Thursday at the march over there. I do say that there could have been violence. Violence was averted because there were a few students that had the ambition and the nerve and the civic pride and the student pride to stand up. There was nearly violence in the confrontation, but there was not. The group of marchers backed down, the marchers that were marching opposing the Vietnamese War.

What I say is that I am frightened at the marching trend of this militant group which seems to be in the middle of so many of these destructive forces on our campuses throughout the country. And I say now as I said again, we didn't have any of them in New England a few months ago. How can we be so sure that there

won't be something happening? All I am asking is that some definite administrative ruling be made as has been done in many of our universities after the violence had taken place. Now if they're going to wait to make that ruling until there is violence, fine; if they will control it, fine.

I believe and hope that we wouldn't have complete anarchy on our campuses. And my mention of not voting for this bond issue I am sure isn't going to make an awful lot of difference. I didn't plead for anyone to vote against it. I just stated that from all I had been reading and when I talked to people, they and my constituents agree with me on this. They say, isn't there something that can be done? And I felt that the only thing I could do was at least to talk about it, get it off my chest, and then the bond issue will undoubtedly be voted and I will feel that at least I have talked about it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The yeas and nays have been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All desiring a roll call will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

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

The SPEAKER: The pending question is the enactment of An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$7,540,000 for the Construction and Renovation of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine, House Paper 319, L. D. 406. In accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution a two-thirds affirmative vote of the House is required for its enactment. All in favor of this bill being enacted will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Allen, Baker, Barnes, Bedard, Benson, Berman, Bernier, Binnette, Birt, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Bragdon, Brown, Buckley, Bunker, Burnham, Carey, Carrier, Carter, Casey, Chick, Clark, C. H.; Clark,

H. G.; Corson, Cottrell, Cox, Crommett, Croteau, Cummings, Curran, Curtis, Cushing, Dam, Danton, Dennett, Donaghy, Drigotas, Dudley, Dyar, Erickson, Eustis, Evans, Farnham, Faucher, Fecteau, Fine-more, Fortier, A. J., Fortier, M.; Foster, Gauthier, Giroux, Good, Hanson, Hardy, Harriman, Haskell, Hawkens, Hewes, Hichens, Huber, Hunter, Immonen, Jutras, Kelleher, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Kilroy, Lawry, Lebel, Lee, Leibowitz, LePage, Levesque, Lewin, Lewis, Lund, MacPhail, Marquis, Mar-staller, Martin, McKinnon, McNally, Meisner, Millett, Mills, Mitchell, Moreshead, Morgan, Mosher, Nadeau, Norris, Noyes, Ouellette, Payson, Porter, Pratt, Rand, Richardson, G. A.; Richardson, H. L.; Ricker, Rideout, Ross, Sahagian, Scott, C. F.; Scott, G. W.; Shaw, Shellra, Snow, Soulas, Starbird, Stillings, Susi, Temple, Thompson, Trask, Tyndale, Vincent, Watson, Waxman, Wheeler, White, Williams, Wood.

NAY — Couture, Henley, Lincoln, Rocheleau, Tanguay.

ABSENT — Brennan, Chandler, Coffey, Cote, Crosby, D'Alfonso, Durgin, Emery, Fraser, Gilbert, Hall, Heselton, Jalbert, Jameson, Johnston, Kelley, K. F.; Laberge, McTeague, Page, Quimby, Santoro, Wight.

Yes, 123; No, 5; Absent, 22.

The SPEAKER: One hundred and twenty-three having voted in the affirmative and five in the negative, 123 being more than two thirds, the Bill is passed to be enacted, it will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Death Benefits before Retirement under State Retirement System (S. P. 175) (L. D. 576)

An Act relating to Barber Education and Technicians (S. P. 360) (L. D. 1224)

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.

Enactor Tabled and Assigned

An Act relating to Compensation for Full-time Deputy Sheriffs and

Chief Deputies (H. P. 494) (L. D. 648)

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

(On motion of Mr. Marquis of Lewiston, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

An Act Authorizing Harness Racing Commission to Employ a Veterinarian (H. P. 591) (L. D. 772)

An Act Concerning the Liquor Laws (H. P. 702) (L. D. 902)

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (H. P. 907) (L. D. 1168)

An Act relating to Petitions for Review of Incapacity under Workmen's Compensation Act (H. P. 1165) (L. D. 1486)

An Act relating to Participating Local Districts in the Maine State Retirement System (H. P. 1167) (L. D. 1488)

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.

Enactor Tabled and Assigned

An Act to Create a Hearing Aid Dealer Board and Provide for Licensing of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters (H. P. 1168) (L. D. 1489)

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

(On motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, May 14.)

Enactor Tabled and Assigned

Resolve to Authorize the Grant of Flowage Rights to the Auburn Water District (H. P. 839) (L. D. 1077)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Rocheleau.

Mr. ROCHELEAU: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this Resolve be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Rocheleau, moves that L. D. 1077 be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Drigotas.

Mr. DRIGOTAS: Mr. Speaker, may I have this item tabled until Wednesday, May 14 please?

Mr. Emery of Auburn then asked for a vote on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Drigotas, moves that L. D. 1077 be tabled until Wednesday, May 14, pending the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Rocheleau that it be indefinitely postponed. A vote has been requested on the tabling motion. All those in favor of this matter being tabled will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

93 having voted in the affirmative and 24 having voted in the negative, the motion to table did prevail.

Orders of the Day

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

HOUSE REPORT — "Ought not to pass" — Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing a Bond Issue in the Amount of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for a Vocational Institute in Knox County" (H. P. 976) (L. D. 1260)

Tabled — May 8, by Mr. MacPhail of Owls Head.

Pending — Acceptance.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Owls Head, Mr. MacPhail.

Mr. MacPHAIL: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be substituted for the report and given its first two readings.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Owls Head, Mr. MacPhail moves that the House substitute the bill for the report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I must oppose the motion of the gentleman from Owls Head, Mr. MacPhail, and I would give my reasons for

the findings of the Committee in this bill.

At the beginning of the legislative session the Appropriations Committee visited all of the vocational schools in the state. We find that most of them are operating satisfactorily. I think there are some that some members of the Committee feel we have proceeded at too rapid a rate. It is well-known to you that this past session of the Legislature voted to establish a vocational school in Washington County. This apparently has not yet proceeded very far in the way of construction.

Another area of the vocational school which your Committee is somewhat disturbed with is the area vocational school at the high school level which we are attempting to work in along with these area vocational schools; I believe five in number now operational — or four in number, I believe, operational.

Apparently this idea of a vocational school at the high school level is not working as the proponents hoped it would; children are not going from one locality to go to school in another. There is one in Presque Isle, and I have looked at the record with regard to that. The students from the other adjoining towns that could go there have not yet started to do so. I simply cite this as a possibility that we should perhaps proceed a little slower in this field until we really know how some of these things are going to work out.

The whole higher education set-up in the State is presently in a state of transition. I think the Committee might have considered this another good reason for not voting to establish another vocational school at this time.

We are having difficulty in properly financing all of the schools of higher learning that we have established. I think this is another good reason why we should perhaps hesitate at this time to create more.

I think perhaps one of the outstanding reasons that your Appropriations Committee voted as they did on this particular school was the fact that it had apparently no backing from the State Board of

Education or from the Education Department. I feel that this should be a must in establishing new schools. I think they should be given a period of study and, while I do not always agree with all the findings of the State Board of Education, I think that they are familiar in this field and that we should certainly hesitate to embark on a new venture until they have looked into it and can give it their somewhat complete blessing. This we fail to find in coming out with this report. I think this perhaps is the outstanding reason that we voted unanimously not to provide for this bond issue to establish this school in Knox County at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freedom, Mr. Evans.

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It looks to me as though the vocational training school is a little Orphan Annie. They give all the money to the universities, but they don't want to help the vocational training schools. And as far as the Education Department is concerned, I believe that they don't okay any of those schools.

Now we need those schools the worst in Washington County, Hancock, Waldo, and Knox. You have just voted \$7,500,000 for the University of Maine and we ask for only \$650,000, and according to the Appropriations Committee we can't afford it. Now that is very odd. Seventy percent of all graduates from high school do not go to college; they don't want to go to college. They would like to learn a trade, and I say that we ought to give them a chance.

So when the vote is taken, I hope you vote for substituting the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Owls Head, Mr. MacPhail.

Mr. MacPHAIL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Some years ago the State Board of Education, realizing the necessity for educating those who did not go to college, that 70% that has just been mentioned, conceived the idea of the vocational institute.

At that time they recommended at least four institutes—not as a maximum but as a minimum. This was done; those four are now in operation. The fifth one was voted at the last session I believe, for Washington County and will eventually be built. We asked for a third one which would almost complete the coverage for the State to give these folks these two thirds or three quarters who would not ordinarily go to higher universities for higher education and eventually leave the State of Maine to exercise their skills in some other state and enhance the economy there. Those who attend the vocational institutes are more apt to be those whose skills are needed here to enhance the economy of the State of Maine and who would.

And I hope you will support the motion to substitute the bill for the report, and when the vote is taken I would request a roll call.

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

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think that the Appropriations Committee did give a great deal of thought to this particular piece of legislation and there was a realization first that there is one school presently on the drawing board that is not in operation.

Another major factor that enters into a discussion of all of these schools and the development of them is not the initial cost of them. If the initial cost were the only factor, I think that it would be very simple to develop the schools. But the school that is under consideration in Washington County, for which the money has been authorized, has a first biennium operating cost of \$421,000, or about two thirds of the overall cost of building this school.

It is these factors in the developing, and causing revenue gaps and the increased needs for revenue in future years that was one of the major factors that cause me to at the present time hold off a vote on an "ought to pass" on this until at least the schools that are presently under consideration are off the ground and operating in good style.

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

Mr. MILLS: This poses a very peculiar situation for me having represented the status from Washington County. I am wondering how long it's going to take to get a vocational technical school down there so that the young folks can be trained in a method of earning their living with their hands and their brain combined.

Now Mr. MacPhail wants one over in his area. There is no question but what we have got to consider two forms of education—one is the book learning in high school and then in the colleges, and the other one is the people who are adapted to work with their hands and not too strong with their mentality. I think this thing should have more consideration. I move it be tabled until the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, I would request a division on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that the tabling motion has not been entertained; it was debated.

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

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Just a few words in addition to what has already been said by the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon. The present vocational schools are not anywhere near capacity. A very conservative estimate would be that we could take several hundred young people at our present schools without bringing them up to the capacity that they could operate under. I feel that before we can think seriously about putting more schools around our state we must first evaluate the programs that we presently have. I can report to you that several of the programs that were offered at the Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute have had to be dropped because of lack of participation by students. Until this situation is rectified, I feel that we

must not construct any more of these vocational schools.

I can report to you that if we were considering a school in Hancock County at this time I could not in good conscience go along with it. I hope that you will support the present motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Owls Head, Mr. MacPhail.

Mr. MacPHAIL: I move this item lie on the table for two legislative days.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Owls Head, Mr. MacPhail, moves that this matter be tabled until Wednesday, May 14th.

Whereupon, Mr. Bragdon of Perham requested a vote on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested on the tabling motion. All in favor of this matter being tabled will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

52 having voted in the affirmative and 63 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freedom, Mr. Evans.

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Probably why there are not more applications to these schools is that they haven't advertised the same as they have in these schools—the University of Maine—and they have set the standards so high that if you can get into one of these schools you might just as well go to a college, and I believe that is the whole reason for it.

I had right in Hancock County a person ask me why her son couldn't get in to the Northern Maine. He made an application and they wouldn't accept him because they said his marks weren't high enough. I thought these schools were started more for hand training than they were for trying to graduate engineers and so forth.

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think that the gentleman from Freedom, Mr. Evans, has

brought something to light which is partially true; that there has been a growing tendency in the vocational program to limit the number of students based on their knowledge per se. And it is one of these reasons I think which is important for us at this time to take a look at where we are going in the program and not to go too far before we really know how far we have to go.

I think it is true that the Department of Education has tried to make too many restrictions on students that want to enter a program, and this may be one of the reasons why the student that the gentleman is referring to did not go to Presque Isle.

Now I think that we have done something in this session which is important. We have authorized seventeen new positions in the Part II budget at the various vocational schools plus a great deal of money in the All Other accounts. We also will have a bill before this Legislature very shortly from the Appropriations Committee which will deal with buildings at the vocational schools, buildings to continue existing programs. It is also true that there are many of these programs at the various vocational schools that are not being properly used. And before we can embark on a new school in Knox County or anywhere else in the state we have to look in the direction that we are going, and we have to evaluate that position, and it is for this reason that I voted the way I did.

I happen to be a great believer in the vocational education program because I agree that a majority of the students do not want to go on to college; they want to go into some other form of education, and this is the way that we can provide it for them. But in order to provide that education and in order to do a good job, it is my feeling that the Department of Education, along with the members of the Appropriations Committee and the Education Committee, evaluate what we are doing now and proceed on that basis rather than jump into another vocational school without really knowing whether or not it is needed. And I would hope that the members of the House

would agree with the unanimous report of the Appropriations Committee at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would agree wholeheartedly with my good friend Mr. Martin. The Department of Education does have the running of these schools. It does select the sites for these schools, and it does make the recommendations to the Legislature, or at least it should.

Unquestionably the carpentry course, the auto body course, and the courses which require the lower ranks in high school do fill up the quickest. Some of the courses which are open such as engineering assistant, electrical, architectural assistant and so forth require higher grades and they fill up more slowly. But they are necessary assistants; they are programs which should be taken care of in the vocational school rather than the University of Maine, and I would submit to you that until we get these schools which we already have off the ground and running, that we should not attempt to start any more, and I would certainly hope that you would vote against substituting the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The pending question is the motion of the gentleman from Owls Head, Mr. MacPhail, that the House substitute the Bill for the Report. He further moves that when the vote is taken, it be taken by the yeas and nays. For the Chair to order a roll call vote, it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All of those desiring a roll call will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

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

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Owls Head, Mr. MacPhail that the House substitute the Bill for the Report on

House Paper 976, L. D. 1260, Bill "An Act Providing a Bond Issue in the Amount of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for a Vocational Institute in Knox County." If you are in favor of substituting the Bill for the "Ought not to pass" Report you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Bedard, Bunker, Carey, Carter, Casey, Clark, H. G.; Couture, Cox, Crosby, Curtis, Cushing, Danton, Donaghy, Drigotas, Dyar, Emery, Erickson, Eustis, Evans, Fecteau, Foster, Good, Hanson, Hardy, Hichens, Huber, Kelleher, Kelley, R. P.; Lewis, MacPhail, Mills, Mitchell, Ouellette, Ross, Shaw, Sheltra, Starbird, Tyndale, Vincent, Watson, Wheeler, Wood.

NAY — Allen, Baker, Barnes, Benson, Berman, Bernier, Binnette, Birt, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Bragdon, Brown, Buckley, Burnham, Carrier, Chick, Clark, C. H.; Corson, Cottrell, Crommett, Croteau, Cummings, Curran, Dam, Dennett, Dudley, Farnham, Faucher, Finemore, Fortier, A. J.; Fortier, M.; Gauthier, Hall, Harri-man, Haskell, Hawken, Henley, Hewes, Hunter, Immonen, Jutras, Keyte, Kilroy, Laberge, Lawry, Lebel, Lee, Leibowitz, LePage, Levesque, Lewin, Lund, Marquis, Marsteller, Martin, McKinnon, McNally, Meisner, Millett, Moreshead, Morgan, Mosher, Nadeau, Noyes, Payson, Porter, Pratt, Rand, Richardson, G. A.; Richardson, H. L.; Ricker, Rideout, Rocheleau, Sahagian, Scott, C. F.; Scott, G. W.; Snow, Soulas, Stillings, Tanguay, Temple, Thompson, Trask, Waxman, White, Wight, Williams.

ABSENT — Brennan, Chandler, Coffey, Cote, D'Alfonso, Durgin, Fraser, Gilbert, Giroux, Heselton, Jalbert, Jameson, Johnston, Kelley, K. F.; Lincoln, McTeague, Norris, Page, Quimby, Santoro, Susi.

Yes, 42; No, 87; Absent, 21.

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

Thereupon, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

MAJORITY REPORT (7) — "Ought not to pass" — Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Tandem Trailers" (H. P. 400) (L. D. 510) and **MINORITY REPORT (3)** reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-290)

Tabled — May 8, by Mr. Wood of Brooks.

Pending — Acceptance of either Report.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Wood.

Mr. **WOOD**: Mr. Speaker, I move that we accept the "Ought to pass" Report.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Wood, moves that the House accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report.

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

Mr. **McNALLY**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We have a fellow down in Ellsworth that runs quite often and we call him the smelt because he runs every year. Now this bill is a little longer duration. We might call this the elephant bill because the gestation period of the elephant is more nearly to this bill.

Now I just want to correct two or three things that might be a little confusing here. In this hearing we had we were told about those dear little 27-footers, and then, as you reviewed it and looked over it, you discovered those dear little 27-footers all hooked together was the length of a Pontiac and a Ford, a Chevrolet, and part of a Volkswagen.

Now where would the 27-footers go? Only on the four-lane highway. But where would they come from? They are not going to come from Massachusetts because they can only run over the Turnpike in Massachusetts. They're not going through New Hampshire in spite

of the very colorful map that you have on your desk, because when you get to New Hampshire they cannot come through New Hampshire, and we have letters substantiating that.

It would almost seem to me that we could get along another biennium very easily and not have to have—especially the timid drivers and the women drivers, and I'm getting to be one of the timid drivers now, to have to come up from behind, something that looks like this picture on your desk, two extra sets of wheels to throw the mud on you, and I asked the question if that little space between the two trailers would help any to remove the vacuum and they said no, they guessed it wouldn't.

So I hope that you will not accept the Minority Report and when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Wood.

Mr. WOOD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We hear quite a lot about dangers on the highway, timid people being afraid of what they will meet or pass on the highway. Those that have been to states where they have these trailers and pass them don't seem to feel that way after knowing what they are like. I have passed them on the highway, and I can't see any difference, whether they are two trailers or one, and I don't believe anybody else can.

Now the trucking industry, in its effort to improve the efficiency and quality of its service to the public, is seeking to extend the area in which it can operate vehicles of this type. As a result thereof they have introduced on a nationwide basis tandem trailers, with overall length of 65 feet. These have been accepted by 29 states, and five states allow them on their turnpikes, which makes a total of 34 states currently enjoying the advantage of these trailers.

There are many reasons why they are of value to the industry and the people as a whole. These reasons are that they lower the overall freight rate, and believe it or not, they are safety vehicles

on the highway. It has been proven in every state where they have been used that they are as safe as any other vehicle. This has been attested to by practically all safety councils throughout the United States, including the National Safety Council.

Our particular bill is asking for tandem trailers up to 65 feet on two roads only in Maine: the Maine Turnpike and the Interstate Highway System; that is a four-lane divided highway. There is no intention of running these vehicles off these divided highways, with the one possible exception that if a local community gives permission and desires that they drive off the highway to the nearest terminal, then it will be done. Another advantage to twin trailers is that they can be split in two when they come off the highway, thus cutting down substantially on the size of the trucks on city streets.

There has been much comment that in putting a vehicle of this size on the highway that the passing time will present a real safety problem. This is not true. The Department of Commerce and many safety bureaus have stated that this is not true. The additional time it takes to pass one of these vehicle on a highway, with a car going sixty miles an hour and the truck going fifty, is less than one second. The stopping ability of these tandem trailers is also extremely good because the wheel spread is greater and the longer the wheel spread the better maneuverability of this vehicle. They have more road traction and less weight on the road over a short space. I would also like to call to your attention that the 65-foot tandem trailer has the approval of federal and state aid officials. Therefore, the trucking industry in Maine would like very much to have these vehicles. The trucking industry in Maine contributes more to the economy of our state than any other industry in this state, and the economy of Maine is more dependent on the trucking industry than any other industry in this state.

We have proved that there is no safety hazard. Any of you people that have been in the cities and

towns and seen these 60-foot trailers jackknifed across the street to unload know what a problem it is to get around them. How much simpler it would be if they could break these in two and go into the 27-foot trailer on the village streets and the city streets to unload their load? It would also be a great help to the industry in loading loads out of state to come into Maine. They can load one trailer with a load going to one location and divide up smaller loads in another one and not have to handle them over and over to port of destination.

We hear that these trailers are not allowed on the road to New Hampshire. There's very conflicting reports out of New Hampshire. I have here a list that was sent to us from the National Highway Users Conference that lists the tractors that can be used in every state in the Union, and tandem trailers of certain sizes are listed in this as being in the law in New Hampshire. I have seen one report that comes from New Hampshire, signed by a commissioner, that he knew of no such law. I have here three reports signed by three separate commissioners from New Hampshire that says that they are allowed. Now there's very conflicting ideas, and I don't know just how you come to a conclusion on what's right without going there to find out.

It seems to me that something we know that is going to come—we hear every day about Maine being fortieth, forty-ninth and fiftieth state to adopt certain ideas; if we wait very much longer on this, we're going to be fiftieth on this idea of tandem trailers.

Whether we pass this or not, I hope you will all consider what we're doing for an industry, what we're doing for the people in Maine, and it has been thoroughly proved that there would be no harm to anyone if we pass this bill and allow those trailers on our four-lane highways.

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

Mr. RIDEOUT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I categorically deny Mr. Wood's suggestion that these things are safe. My pri-

mary concern is the safety of this. Now you put up two 27-foot sails to the wind and you're bound to have some resistance, then you get a whip action out of these dandies that sets up a vortex and a whirl that is going to suck you right into the side of them. You'll see when my trucks go along now they're long enough, and I get more complaints out of them than I really need.

Now as a trucker I have driven one of these things. Now I submit they're not safe for the truck drivers nor are they safe for the cars that have to share the roads with them. I also submit that these 65-foot double bottoms are a method of side stepping the axle weight law now on the books because you can increase your cubic load without increasing your axle weight in proportion nor your registration fees.

Now if this passes the next step, my friends, is a triple bottom or a train. The 103rd rejected this; it's no better now. And I move that this bill and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Rideout, now moves that both Reports and Bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Carey.

Mr. CAREY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Speaking in behalf and in support of the motion by the gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Rideout, I would point out that the Transportation Committee had a hearing which would have an increase of five feet on the present semi-trailer trucks as allowed on the state road. And as usual we got into a discussion of tandem trailers, and the agents for the Maine Truckers Owners Association who were there were pointing out to us how safe these things were on the Mass. Turnpike. As a matter of fact, they were so safe they were considering asking for triples. So you can see that the idea of triples is not out of the question.

I have a document here. Some of the items I would like to read out of it. It was a meeting in the State House, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 19, 1969 where they have a pro-

cedure which is a little unlike ours in that the House presents bills and the Senate presents bills, each body apparently votes on its own bills. When the Chairman asked a gentleman to speak up and the gentleman was Mr. Fuller and he said:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: My name is Robert S. Fuller and I am a driver for Consolidated Freightways and I am here in opposition to the long truck bill. First I would like to clear up a factor. Mr. Seigal testified last week that the drivers here who were in opposition in 1967 had never driven these doubles, and I am afraid that somebody misinformed Mr. Seigal or he is a plain liar, because I have been driving these doubles for approximately seven years. Plus the two drivers that appear with me today and they have also had approximately the same number of years of driving experience on double bottoms. I want to say that I think these double bottoms are about the unsafest thing that the trucking companies could put on the highway. Having driven them I know that they are unstable in the wind or ice and snow," and certainly departing from the text here we must remember that we are in the snow country. Back in the text, "you have absolutely no control over the rear box of these doubles because you have two pivot points, so regardless of how many wheels you have on the road this thing does pivot, it is like a snake on the road as I said in '67."

Going through some of the other things, mention was made that in this session of 1969 that the Legislature of the State of Wyoming killed a 100-foot triple bottom which was brought up in the Legislature there in Wyoming. Certainly these things are unsafe, and we have heard all of the testimony two years ago, those of us who were here, and I would certainly urge you to support Representative Rideout's testimony.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I very seldom speak against truckers bills, because I am a trucker my-

self and like Mr. Rideout, he says he can drive them. I can drive them but I would hate to try to back one of them up, because I don't think I would ever get it backed up. But on this bill the gentleman mentioned that they would get permission to leave the highway and go into a small town. All this permission to leave even here in Augusta would have to be through the State Highway Commission, which they testified in the hearing that they would be very doubtful if they would give.

And they also mentioned New Hampshire. There have been a lot of conflicting statements, I understand, I have been informed that they can't cross New Hampshire. But what worries me is how are they going to get through Massachusetts to get to New Hampshire, because Massachusetts they can only travel over the interstate or the four-lane road of interstate, toll road I should say; and that is pretty hard to do. And after traveling home last Friday, I tried to get by the regular trucks and see the road while I was passing, and some of the trucks that were going sixty-five or seventy miles an hour I don't believe I would like to try to pass one of these little darling twenty-seven footers, because I don't think I could get by.

As I said before, I very seldom speak against one of their bills, but this bill I hope you will go along with the gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Rideout and indefinitely postpone this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Albion, Mr. Lee.

Mr. LEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have been driving a truck since I was sixteen years old. I have been in the trucking business since I was married in 1937. I shouldn't speak against this because I suppose it is a truckers bill. I am a trucker, my boy is a trucker. Most of my trucks are single axle trucks. His truck is a big tandem diesel with a 40-foot box.

This bill is a special interest bill, folks. It is made for the trucking companies that can afford to buy 27-foot trailers. Nobody owns a

27-foot trailer that's hauling goods; they own 40-foot trailers. It is just the big companies that can afford to do this and at the present time all they can travel would be from Old Town to Kittery in the State of Maine. They can't go into New Hampshire. They can talk all they want to about New Hampshire, but they can't go through it. Once they get through New Hampshire, if they could get through it they can't get to the Massachusetts Pike, and talking about bringing things in from out-of-state nobody in the other states are using 27-footers so they couldn't get in with their double tandems because they are 40-footers, double tandems. And I will vote with Mr. Rideout of Manchester.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Rideout, that both Reports and Bill "An Act relating to Tandem Trailers," House Paper 400, L. D. 510, be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair will order a vote. All in favor of the motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

A vote of the House was taken.

91 having voted in the affirmative and 31 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

Sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Creating the Oil and Gas Conservation and Development Control Act" (H. P. 836) (L. D. 1074)

Tabled—May 9, by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-306) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

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

An Act relating to Powers and Duties of the Civil Service Commission of the Town of Old Orchard Beach (H. P. 995) (L. D. 1279)

Tabled—May 9, by Mr. Brennan of Portland.

Pending—Passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Danton of Old Orchard Beach, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action of May 1 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

On further motion of the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action of April 30 whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted. And on further motion of the same gentleman Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Mr. Danton of Old Orchard Beach then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-308) was read by the Clerk and adopted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Provide that Nine Jurors May Return a Verdict in Civil Suits" (S. P. 88) (L. D. 278) (In Senate, passed to be engrossed)

Tabled — May 9, by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Berman of Houlton, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for tomorrow.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Minimum School Year" (S. P. 344) (L. D. 1210) (In Senate, Majority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted)

Tabled — May 9, by Mr. Marsteller of Freeport.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mrs. Cummings of Newport, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, May 14.

The SPEAKER: Prior to adjournment, the Chair will appoint Larry

B. Choate to be the official Sargent-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Foster of Mechanic Falls,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.