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**HOUSE**

Thursday, March 16, 1939.

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

Prayer by the Rev. George Millard of Wiscasset.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge on Square Pond in Shapleigh" (S. P. 498)

Comes from the Senate, received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, received by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence, and 500 copies ordered printed.

**Senate Bills in First Reading**

Bill "An Act relating to Insurance Brokers" (S. P. 287) (L. D. 435); new draft under title of Bill "An Act relating to Insurance Agents and Brokers" (S. P. 473) (L. D. 1007)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalties for Removing Identification Marks from Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 384) (L. D. 787)

Bill "An Act Enlarging the Discretionary Powers of the Liquor Commission" (S. P. 429) (L. D. 974)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Senate Divided Report Tabled**

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relative to Court Proceedings in relation to the Enforcement of the Inland Fish and Game Laws" (S. P. 215) (L. D. 287)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Burns of Aroostook  
Hill of Cumberland  
Miss Laughlin of Cumberland  
—of the Senate.  
Messrs. Fellows of Augusta  
Thorne of Madison  
McGlaulin of Portland  
Hinckley of So. Portland  
Bird of Rockland  
—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Varney of Berwick  
Weatherbee of Lincoln  
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Cowan of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of either report.)

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Bonds in Mesne Process and Disclosures After Judgment" (S. P. 368) (L. D. 800)

Comes from the Senate with the report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House: Senate Amendment "A" read by the Clerk.

Report of the Committee read and accepted and the bill had its two several readings.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Unemployment Compensation" (S. P. 141) (L. D. 122)

Comes from the Senate with the report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House: Senate Amendment "A" read by the Clerk.

Report of the Committee read and accepted and the bill had its two several readings.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Make the Process of Forcible Entry and Detainer Available in Case of Trespass on Public Lands" (S. P. 213) (L. D. 285) on which the House voted to accept the minority report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" in non-concurrence, on March 14th.

Comes from the Senate, with that body voting to adhere to its former action whereby it accepted the majority report of the Committee reporting "Ought to pass" and passed the bill to be engrossed as

amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House, on motion by Mr. McGlaflin of Portland, the House voted to adhere to its former action whereby it accepted the minority report "Ought not to pass."

The SPEAKER: The Clerk has in his possession a communication from the Chief Executive, received too late to appear on the calendar. The Clerk will read the communication.

### STATE OF MAINE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

March 16, 1939

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the request contained in House order dated March 14, 1939, I respectfully make the following report concerning certain health conditions stated to exist in Aroostook County.

Newspaper headlines on February 15, 1939, reported statements made to a Legislative committee that 5,000 cases of scurvy existed in Aroostook County.

On February 22, Dr. George H. Coombs, then Director of the State Health Bureau, was quoted in press releases as advising a Legislative committee that such a "prevalence of scurvy in Northern Aroostook was not overemphasized." The same day a statement was released by me after a very hurried survey that such a condition did not exist in any part of Maine.

On February 24, still another statement equally as incorrect as the one by Dr. Coombs appeared as a release from Washington, reporting "18,000 persons in Aroostook in state of malnutrition."

First, let me emphasize that each statement to be herein made is corroborated by material and written reports in my possession.

1. Dr. Philip W. Woods, Director of the Division of Dental Hygiene in a signed statement dated February 25 declares:

"In recent days, a great deal of publicity has been given to the State of Maine concerning a certain phase of malnutrition. This particular publicity is most unfortunate in that the State has been given a reputation not deserved. Since I came on duty June 8, 1938, I have examined and studied five children

suffering from scurvy, although I do not know of any specific cases at the present moment. I am unaware of the origin of the statements placing the number at 18,000 cases of malnutrition. At no time have I ever quoted any specific number of cases of scurvy, simply because I have not that information. Neither do I believe any other person has definite information of the total number of actual cases in Maine, now or at any other time."

2. Dr. R. L. Mitchell, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Health, reports in a signed statement dated March 8:

"I have no personal knowledge of any scurvy existing in Maine at the present time and while we have information that indicates there are indications of malnutrition in certain areas of the State, I find no report that could be used as a basis for the statement that 18,000 cases exist in Aroostook."

3. Norman W. MacDonald, Director of Social Welfare, reports on February 27:

"I have had no cases of scurvy reported to me and, so far as I know, no report pertaining to this situation has ever been compiled or published by any member of the staff of this bureau."

4. Therefore, the only basis I can discover or imagine for the press statements dated February 23 that malnutrition existed to the extent of 18,000 cases is contained in a letter from Dr. Louise Stanley, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Home Economics, to Honorable Ralph O. Brewster, Congressman from the Third District, and released by him to the press, in which Dr. Stanley stated:

"In case you have not received information that just came to us, I shall relay it. By long distance telephone, the State Director of F. S. C. C., Mr. H. L. Blodgett (Maine) and the Regional Director, Mr. George W. Dunn (Boston) were contacted. They were **both in Aroostook County** with doctors from the State Bureau and Federal Department of Health and reported by telephone this morning that only one case of actual pellagra has been reported to the health department and no actual cases of scurvy, but 18,000 persons in the county have been diagnosed as in a state of malnutrition."

Mr. Blodgett wrote me on Febru-

ary 28 as follows in reference to the above statement:

"I have had no telephone connection regarding malnutrition with either Dr. Stanley, Congressman Brewster, or Mr. Dunn. I have no knowledge of the source of this information and have never talked with Dr. Stanley or Congressman Brewster at any time or on any subject."

Mr. Dunn, after repeated phone calls and wires, flatly refused to make a written statement but did finally appear before the Governor and Council on March 3, 1939, and stated:

"I was never in Aroostook County in my life. Dr. Stanley did not call me on the phone. I got my information from Dr. Coombs and relayed it in a daily routine report to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation in Washington. The Corporation does not release press notices."

Dr. Louise Stanley, when questioned on March 3, stated that her information was obtained from the Surplus Commodities Corporation, in Washington, and forwarded in a personal letter to the Congressman's office and furthermore said she was "somewhat amazed at being quoted."

Dr. Coombs has since admitted having talked with Mr. Dunn in his office in Augusta but does not admit any definite figures were used.

It has been my endeavor before reporting any findings in the matter to take such time as might be required to contact all sources that might in any way be involved. To this I have added personal interviews with laymen and medical men in various counties and especially in Aroostook County, through a personal visit there, and through communication by letter and telephone, seeking to establish beyond a doubt the truth or falsity of the widely circulated rumors alleging distressful conditions.

The whole unfortunate matter can best be summarized, and I hope concluded, as follows:

1. No cases of scurvy are known to exist in Maine either at the present time or on February 15 last.

2. Investigation shows that instead of the 5,000 cases reported February 15, 1939 to exist in Aroostook County actually only five cases had been diagnosed as such and they existed early last fall. Every

known case has been reported as fully recovered. Furthermore, the five cases were statewide and were not even confined to any one county.

3. Very likely some cases of malnutrition have existed over this and every state and may show up at any time. However, no tables have ever been compiled showing the number of actual cases.

4. It seems to me most regrettable that any such rumors should have been given publicity from either a state or Federal official without first having any definite or correct information.

5. The health of the citizens of this state has always been of major concern to every administration. In this connection it may be pointed out that the original survey started last fall and still in progress has not been undertaken as a precautionary measure in any other state, so I am informed.

6. The supporting statements referred to in this report are on file in the Executive Department.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) LEWIS O. BARROWS.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Caribou, the communication was ordered placed on file and a copy sent forthwith to the Senate.

**The SPEAKER:** The Chair understands that the member from South Portland, Mrs. Robinson, moves that House Rule 25 be suspended and that the members be permitted to smoke during the remainder of today's session.

The Pages will now pass the cigars in honor of the birthday of the youngest lady from Lubec, the baby daughter of Representative Alger W. Pike, who is not quite three days old.

The following petitions and remonstrances were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committee:

#### **Taxation**

Petition of John E. Lamson and 4 others of Bangor in favor of L. D. 933 (Retail Store License) (H. P. 1961) (Presented by Mr. Churchill of Brewer)

Petition of Harland Conners and

19 others of Bangor in favor of same (H. P. 1962) (Presented by same gentleman)

Petition of Alyson E. Wise and 20 others of Bangor in favor of same (H. P. 1963) (Presented by same gentleman)

Petition of Owen T. Estey and 45 others of Bangor in favor of same (H. P. 1964) (Presented by Mr. Eddy of Bangor)

Remonstrance of J. A. Timoney and 23 others of Sangerville against any Tax on Cigarettes or Tobacco (H. P. 1965) (Presented by Mr. Peakes of Milo)

Remonstrance of J. W. Leland, Jr. and 178 others of Dover-Foxcroft against same (H. P. 1966) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Orders

Mr. VARNEY of Berwick: Mr. Speaker, I present an order which involves a change in the Rules, and therefore I move that it be referred to the Committee on Rules and Business of the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Varney, presents an order and moves that it be referred to the Committee on Rules and Business of the House. The Clerk will read the order.

Ordered, That Rule 54 of the Rules of the House shall be amended to read as follows:

"54. No bill shall pass to be engrossed until it shall have had three several readings. If no objection is made, the second reading may be by the title, and at the time of the first. Bills shall stand assigned for third reading on the next legislative day following second reading unless otherwise ordered. Every resolve which shall require the approval of the Governor, shall have two several readings; and the second reading shall be subject to the provisions of the third reading of bills."

Thereupon, the motion of the gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Varney, prevailed, and the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Business of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will enter notice in the journal, according to the Rules, of the proposed change.

### House Committee Reports

Mr. McGlauflin from the House Committee on Leave of Absence reported that Mr. Good of Monticello be excused from attending the sessions of the House during the remainder of the week on account of illness.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported that Mr. Bates of Patten be excused from attending the sessions of the House during the remainder of the week on account of his illness.

Reports were read and accepted.

### Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Hanold from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting Sunday Hunting of Game Birds and Foxes" (H. P. 542) (L. D. 216)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating the Taking of Bait Fish (H. P. 1574) (L. D. 637)

Mr. Welch from same Committee reported same on Resolve relative to Open Season on Pheasants (H. P. 1579) (L. D. 642)

Mr. Fellows from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Publishing of Assessment Lists" (H. P. 553) (L. D. 224) as subject matter is covered by another Bill.

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide a Manager Form of Government for the town of Anson" (H. P. 1168) (L. D. 487)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Painting, Decorating and Paperhanging" (H. P. 915) (L. D. 307)

Mr. Otto from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act Repealing the Law requiring Public Utility Plates on Trailers and Semi-trailers" (H. P. 1453) (L. D. 627)

Mr. Dean from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act Reducing Registration Fees of Motor Vehicles and Increasing the Gasoline Tax" (H. P. 1801) (L. D. 969)

Mr. Noyes from same Committee reported same on Bill, "An Act Increasing the Gasoline Tax to Provide for Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 786) (L. D. 302)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Ought to Pass**  
**(Reported Pursuant to Joint Order)**  
**Reports Tabled**

Mr. Gyger from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, pursuant to Joint Order, reported a Bill under title of Bill "An Act relating to Travel Expense of State Employees" (H. P. 1967) and that it "Ought to pass"

(On motion by Mr. Gyger of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of committee report and 750 copies ordered printed)

Mr. Whitney from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, pursuant to Joint Order, reported a Bill under title of Bill "An Act Amending an Act relating to Compensation of County Attorneys" (H. P. 1968) and that it "Ought to pass"

(On motion by Mr. Whitney of Bangor, tabled pending acceptance of committee report and 750 copies ordered printed)

**Ought to Pass Consolidated Bill**  
**Tabled**

Mr. Gyger from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on the following Resolves:

Resolve relating to Additional Educational Vocational and Farm Training at the State School for Boys (H. P. 851) (L. D. 333)

Resolve relating to the Extension of Training at the State Reformatory for Men (H. P. 850) (L. D. 332) reported a Bill under title of Bill "An Act relating to Additional Industrial and Vocational Training in State Institutions" (H. P. 1969) and that it "Ought to pass"

(On motion by Mr. Gyger of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of committee report and 750 copies ordered printed)

**Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Mr. Peakes from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relative to Game Preserve in Caswell Plantation, County of Aroostook" (H. P. 1127) (L. D. 405) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1957) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Authorizing Towns to Employ a Town Manager or to Form Unions for the Purpose" (H. P. 1427) (L. D. 561) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1958) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Batchelder from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act relative to Motor Vehicles Carrying Passengers for Hire" (H. P. 937) (L. D. 327) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1960) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. LaFleur from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Operation of Busses" (H. P. 1711) (L. D. 841) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1959) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Reports were read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

**Ought to Pass**

Mr. Cowan from the Committee on Banks and Banking reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relative to Safekeeping of Securities of Savings Banks" (H. P. 1407) (L. D. 602)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating Fishing on Ponds formed by Brooks, Streams and Rivers" (H. P. 1566) (L. D. 664)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Trapping Season" (H. P. 378) (L. D. 99)

Mr. Welch from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Fishing for Gain or Hire" (H. P. 1559) (L. D. 657)

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Ordinances" (H. P. 1660) (L. D. 734)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Bath" (H. P. 1164) (L. D. 483) together with Petition (H. P. 1822)

**Ought to Pass With Committee**  
**Amendment**

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Monticello School District" (H. P. 1170) (L. D. 489) reported "Ought to pass" when amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Dwinal from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Council and Manager Form of Government for the town of Lisbon in the county of Androscoggin" (H. P. 918) (L. D. 358)

Mr. Payson from same Committee

reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Ordinances" (H. P. 1659) (L. D. 733)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Marriage Licenses" (H. P. 1661) (L. D. 735)

Mr. Pike from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Collection of Personal Property Taxes" (H. P. 1651) (L. D. 710)

Mr. Shesong from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the town of Lincoln" (H. P. 1165) (L. D. 484)

Mr. Batchelder from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Creating the Limestone Water and Sewer District" (H. P. 1785) (L. D. 948) reported "Ought to pass" when amended by Committee Amendments "A" and "B" submitted therewith.

Reports were read and accepted.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Trapping and Hunting Fur-bearing Animals" (H. P. 1315) (L. D. 499)

Bill "An Act Regulating the Sale of Malt" (H. P. 1744) (L. D. 847)

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Charitable and Benevolent Corporations" (H. P. 1955) (L. D. 1034)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Bonds for Town Treasurers, Tax Collectors and Constables" (S. P. 148) (L. D. 133)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law relating to Unemployment Compensation with regard to Gratuities" (S. P. 321) (L. D. 576)

Bill "An Act relating to the Merchant or Marine Flag" (S. P. 348) (L. D. 772)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law providing for Recovery of Erroneous Payments" (H. P. 901) (L. D. 293)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law Exempting certain Employees" (H. P. 902) (L. D. 294)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law to Provide Uniform Coverage Termination" (H. P. 904) (L. D. 296)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Seasonal Employment" (H. P. 908) (L. D. 300)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Disqualifications" (H. P. 909) (L. D. 301)

Bill "An Act relating to Vocational Rehabilitation" (H. P. 1548) (L. D. 906)

Bill "An Act relative to Automobiles Stopping upon Signal of Officer" (H. P. 1688) (L. D. 748)

Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1739) (L. D. 842)

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Consumption Sale of Liquor" (H. P. 1741) (L. D. 844)

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1742) (L. D. 845)

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Sale of Commercial Fertilizer" (H. P. 1927) (L. D. 1026)

Bill "An Act relating to State Aid to Agricultural Societies" (H. P. 1928) (L. D. 1027)

Resolve in favor of J. E. White of Columbia (S. P. 474) (L. D. 1009)

Resolve relating to Lobster Fishing in Machias Bay (H. P. 584) (L. D. 209)

Resolve relating to Lobster Fishing at Jonesboro-Roque Bluffs (H. P. 1209) (L. D. 422)

Resolve Regulating Digging of Clams Within the Limits of the towns of Deer Isle and Stonington (H. P. 1722) (L. D. 675)

Resolve relative to Protection of Smelts in Medomak River (H. P. 1724) (L. D. 676)

Resolve relative to the Digging of Clams in the towns of Wiscasset, Edgcomb, Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor (H. P. 1930) (L. D. 1029)

Resolve in favor of O. M. Froding of Portland (H. P. 1931) (L. D. 1030)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Abbie Libby Towle of Newfield and Oxbow (H. P. 1932) (L. D. 1031)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to the School Board of the city of Eastport" (H. P. 563) (L. D. 196)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law to Increase Certain Penalties" (H. P. 903) (L. D. 295)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Office Records" (H. P. 905) (L. D. 297)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Refunds" (H. P. 907) (L. D. 299)



Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, all passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" to each and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Amended Resolve Tabled**

Resolve relating to the Creation of a State Commission for Promotion of International Good Will in Education (H. P. 1550) (L. D. 908) as amended by House Amendment "A"

(On motion by Mr. Richardson of Strong, tabled pending second reading)

#### **Passed to Be Enacted (Emergency Measure)**

An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Caribou (H. P. 1161) (L. D. 480)

The **SPEAKER**: This being an emergency measure, it requires for its passage the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House. As many as are in favor of the passage of this bill to be enacted will rise and remain standing until counted and the Monitors will make and return the count.

A division being had,

One hundred and eighteen voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, 118 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House, the bill was passed to be enacted.

#### **Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act relative to Enforcing the Collection of Real Estate Taxes by the Alternative Method (S. P. 219) (L. D. 288)

An Act relating to Assessment and Collection of Taxes (H. P. 483) (L. D. 178)

An Act to Amend the Fair Trade Act (H. P. 557) (L. D. 228)

An Act relating to Minimum Standards for Schools of Nursing Accredited in Maine (H. P. 1197) (L. D. 473)

An Act relating to Records of Sales of Lobsters (H. P. 1720) (L. D. 674)

#### **Finally Passed**

Resolve Granting Authority to the Commissioner of Education to Convey Certain Land (H. P. 947) (L. D. 373)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Land in Aroostook County to Ivan Clark of East Millinocket (H. P. 1345) (L. D. 532)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Lands to the Aroostook Trust Company of Caribou, Maine, as Trustee (H. P. 1853) (L. D. 1006)

#### **Orders of the Day**

On motion by Mr. Miller of Bath, the House voted to take from the table the eighth tabled and unassigned matter, House report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relative to Closed Time on Hares and Rabbits" (H. P. 880) (L. D. 337) tabled on March 15th by that gentleman, pending acceptance; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought not to pass" report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Erswell of Brunswick, the House voted to take from the table the twelfth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to Toy Pistols" (H. P. 1705) (L. D. 872) tabled on March 15th by that gentleman, pending third reading.

Mr. Erswell then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1705, L. D. 872, Bill "An Act Relating to Toy Pistols"

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause thereof, the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following: 'Sec. 2. R. S., c. 129, Paragraph 40, amended. Section 40 of chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 40. Selling firearms or dangerous weapons to children forbidden except in certain cases. Whoever gives, furnishes, or sells to any child under the age of 16 years any dangerous weapon or firearm, except in cases where the parents, guardians, teachers, or instructors of children may furnish them with such weapons for hunting or target shooting outside the thickly

settled portions of any town or city, or where such weapons may be used in any licensed shooting gallery, shall be deemed guilty of encouraging, causing, or contributing to the delinquency or distress of such child and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in the preceding section."

On motion by Mr. Dwinal of Camden, the bill and amendment were tabled pending the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr.

Erswell, that House Amendment "A" be adopted.

The SPEAKER: Is there any other business to come before the House under Orders of the Day? If not, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mrs. Robinson of South Portland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.