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SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 22, 1940

HOUSE

Tuesday, October 22, 1940.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. McWhorter of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

The SPEAKER: For the purpose of the payroll, the Clerk will call the roll of absentees.

Those who were absent were: Messrs. Bates, Bird, Dow of Elliot, Luro, MacNichol, Pike, Ramsdell, Smith of Thomaston, Smith of Westbrook, Stacy, Sylvia and Weatherbee.

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUGUSTA

October 22, 1940.

To the President and Members of the Senate:

To the Speaker and Members of the House:

I submit herewith a report from the Maine Defense Commission, summarizing its activities to date. By reading this report the members of the Legislature will be informed of such progress as has been possible up to the present time, and at the same time it will become a part of your official record.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Lewis O. Barrows,
Governor.

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Enclosure

To the Members of the 89th Maine Legislature:

The State Military Defense Commission of Maine was created by legislative enactment of June 27, 1940; its members were appointed June 29; and its meeting for organization held on July 3rd.

The membership of the Commission consists of Colonel Sherman N. Shumway, Bangor, and George W. Lane, Lewiston—term of one year; Dana C. Douglass, Portland, and George Otis Smith, Skowhegan—term of two years; Robert Braun, Portland, and Colonel Frank E. Southard, Augusta—term of three years; Governor Lewis O. Barrows, Newport, Ex-officio; Adjutant Gen-

eral James W. Hanson, Augusta, Ex-officio.

At the first meeting, the Governor was elected Chairman and Frank E. Southard Vice Chairman and Secretary; at the second meeting, on July 5th, Chauncey S. Robinson, Assistant Chief Engineer of the Boston and Maine and Maine Central Railroads, was employed as the Commission's Engineer and Administrative Director.

As of this date the Commission has held eleven meetings, with full attendance except as members have been out of the State; two visits by different groups of members were made to Washington in July for consultation with the Chief of Staff, General Marshall, and other Army officers; and inspection trips to airports and armories have been made by the Director, often accompanied by one or more members of the Commission.

After the less than four months since your enactment of the emergency legislation, the State Military Defense Commission has the honor of submitting to the Legislature the following report of progress.

Airports

On July 10, in Washington, D. C., the representatives of the Commission—Chairman Barrows, Adjutant General Hanson, George Otis Smith and Administrative Director Robinson—received from the Chief of Staff a priority list of six airports from those especially selected by the War Department as being strategically important and listed as essential for National Defense Projects in the State of Maine.

These six Maine airports given priority on July 10th, as confirmed by Major Arthur R. Wilson of the General Staff, in his letter of July 15, were in the order given: Bangor, Houlton, Princeton, Caribou-Fort Fairfield-Presque Isle Area, Auburn-Lewiston, and Millinocket. Representatives of the Army eventually chose Presque Isle as the locus.

The War Department's information was that construction must be done through W. P. A. channels, with some municipality or the State sponsoring the project and making a financial contribution thereto. The Defense Commission does not act as a sponsor but agreed to pay to the municipal sponsor a part of its contribution when the completed project had final or Presidential approval.

First on this list and emphasized to us as of prime importance for Military Aviation was the Bangor, Maine, Project. The sponsor's project proposal for the Bangor Airport was received by the Commission for execution. At the called meeting on July 19, however, the unanimous opinion of the Commission was that the proposal, in providing for the construction of only one runway, failed to serve the legislative purpose of "coordinating National Defense in the State of Maine." Inasmuch as all breakdowns of airport development projects have specified the class of the proposed Bangor, Maine, Airport as number four, and, moreover, in our conversation with the Chief of Staff in Washington, the importance of the complete development was stressed, yet the final paragraph of the unilateral agreement of the sponsor's proposal, as submitted to our Commission, relieved the Works Progress Administration of any obligations to complete the project.

As reported to the Secretary of War by Governor Barrows in his letter of July 20th, 1940:—

"This unsatisfactory situation forces the Commission to seek guidance through further conference in your Department.

"As Chairman of the Commission, I wish to assure you that the Maine Commission is ready and anxious to meet, to the extent of our ability, the needs of the Air Corps of the United States Army, and in this initial project, which I definitely understood when in Washington to be number one, both the City and State are ready to cooperate far beyond the figure set up for land costs in the project proposal.

"This increased participation by City and State is predicated on not a partial development, as submitted to the Commission, but the complete development as indicated to us as desired by the War Department.

"I sincerely hope that some practical procedure may be adopted whereby this outpost State of Maine may implement more expeditiously and effectively the aims of the Army in National Defense."

This letter was presented as a basis of a personal conference in Washington with representatives of the Chief of Staff on July 23 by Col. Sherman N. Shumway, George W. Lane, Jr., and Director Robinson, representing the Commission.

Secretary of War Stimson's reply of July 31, to the Commission's request for more expeditious and positive procedure for cooperation between State and Nation in accomplishing the National Defense aims of the Army, in substance only confirmed the oral answer made to the Commission's representatives on July 23, in effect that these projects must proceed in accordance with W. P. A. regulations, the Secretary's concluding sentence being:

"I feel sure that the airport improvement program which your Commission is now prepared to undertake with the assistance of the Works Progress Administration will progress rapidly and will constitute a fine contribution to the national defense."

On July 26 a resolution, as follows, was passed, a certified copy being forwarded immediately to the Federal Government:

"ON MOTION, duly made and seconded, it was VOTED that in considering the project proposal for an addition to the airport at Bangor, Maine, as submitted by the Works Progress Administration and aggregating \$267,393 for the construction of a third runway, the State Military Defense Commission resolves:

THAT the cooperation of the State of Maine with the city of Bangor be related to a project proposal for the complete development from a Class 2 airport to a Class 4 airport as desired by the War Department and required for military defense;

THAT the cooperation be limited to providing funds for the purchase of lands essential to this development, the terms of this cooperation being that the land be purchased by the city of Bangor and leased to the War Department for a period of twenty-five years, the City of Bangor agreeing to pay not in excess of \$75,000 towards the said land and the State of Maine through the State Military Defense Commission agreeing to pay whatever the difference in cost may be above that paid by the city of Bangor so that a good title to the land will vest in said city of Bangor;

AND FURTHER, that this proposed contribution by the State of Maine toward National Defense is distinctly conditioned upon the definite and specific statements of res-

possible officials of the Federal Government to this Commission.

THEREFORE, the Military Defense Commission of the State of Maine requests confirmation of our oral understanding of the conference held in the office of Mr. H. O. Hunter, Deputy Commissioner, Tuesday, July 23, that the Works Progress Administration approve the general plan of the Class 4 airport contemplated at Bangor, in accordance with plan dated July 19, 1940, enclosed herewith, and will prosecute the work to completion if possible by June 30, 1941.

Would also appreciate confirmation of our understanding with Mr. Fitzgerald, W. P. A. Administrator for the State of Maine, that he will carry the work to completion by that date, using such equipment and providing by contract for such items as paving and lighting as would be required for the necessary prompt execution of the project."

The Commission next received a communication from the Deputy Commissioner W. P. A. at Washington, as follows:

TELEGRAM

"PM 5 88 NL Govt.—PFE Washington DC 1
The Honorable Lewis O. Barrows
Governor of Maine, Augusta, Me.
1940 Aug. 2, AM 7 49

BANGOR AIRPORT WAS CERTIFIED BY SECRETARY OF WAR ON JULY 17 AS IMPOTANT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES UNDER SECTIONS 1 (C) and (D), 11 (B), and 14 (B) EMERGENCY RELIEF APPROPRIATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1941. IF A WPA PROJECT APPLICATION TO IMPROVE BANGOR AIRPORT IN CONFORMITY WITH WAR DEPARTMENTS REQUIREMENTS IS SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE THROUGH STATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR MAINE, AND APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT, THE WPA WILL EXPEDITE ITS PROSECUTION TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER EXISTING LAWS AND COMPLETE IT IF POSSIBLE BY JUNE 30, 1941. HOWARD O. HUNTER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

17 (C) (D) 11 (B) 14 (B) 1941 WPA
WPA 30 1941."

The Commission received a letter from the WPA Administrator for the State of Maine, setting forth

his intentions as to the prosecution of the work at Bangor.

Meanwhile, the Commission, appreciating the War Department's desire for a complete development of the priority list of the six airports and the conditions of the Commission's commitments, organized and put into the field survey parties to complete the field data and quantity estimates essential to their prosecution, this work being in cooperation with municipal engineering forces where such were available.

The Bangor data for total project was completed and given Federal authority August 3, the Lewiston-Auburn on August 13, Princeton, August 29, and the Houlton on September 5. The Millinocket estimate was made without aid from the Commission's forces.

The Commission again urged prompt consideration and approval of these projects and on August 15 passed resolutions pertaining to the Bangor and Lewiston-Auburn projects, these resolutions being forwarded to the Secretary of War:-

"RESOLUTION OF

STATE OF MAINE MILITARY DEFENSE COMMISSION

Passed at meeting of Commission on August 15, 1940.

WHEREAS, Bangor, Maine, airport was certified by the Secretary of War on July 17, 1940, as important for military purposes, and

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the State of Maine Administrator for W. P. A. a complete project for a class 4 airport at Bangor, (the first unit being forwarded to the State Administrator, W. P. A., on July 27, 1940, and the second unit on August 5, 1940, totalling \$923.085) and

WHEREAS, the State Military Defense Commission is willing to make substantial contribution to the completed project at Bangor, in accordance with a resolution adopted by them dated July 26, 1940, a copy of which is hereto attached, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of War, the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, has indicated that work should progress rapidly, due to the existing emergency, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Military Defense Commission earnestly urges that all Federal approvals be

given as rapidly as possible, so that the project may be completed by June 30, 1941."

**"RESOLUTION
OF**

**STATE OF MAINE MILITARY
DEFENSE COMMISSION**

Passed at a meeting of the Commission on August 15, 1940.

WHEREAS, Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, airport was named by the War Department as an essential part of the national defense in the State of Maine, and

WHEREAS, there was submitted to the State of Maine Administrator, W. P. A., on August 13, 1940, plans for a completed class 3 airport at Lewiston-Auburn, and

WHEREAS, The State Military Defense Commission is willing to make a substantial contribution to the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, sponsors of the project, the total estimated cost of the completed project being \$426,700,

Be it **RESOLVED**, that the State Military Defense Commission earnestly urges, in view of the emergency existing, that the necessary Federal approval be given at the earliest possible moment to bring about the completion of the airport development at Lewiston-Auburn."

On August 16 there appeared a press release that the Bangor site might be abandoned. Later the Commission was advised that abandonment was not contemplated by the Army Staff.

On August 26 a representative of the General Staff called upon members of the Commission, and the situation was fully discussed and the hope expressed that definite, complete approval will be forthcoming soon.

The Commission received from the War Department, under date of August 30, notification of recommendation from the War Department for allocation of funds for the Bangor Municipal Airport in the amount of \$473,333, and approved by the W. P. A., the Department not having received to that date notification of Presidential approval. However, on October 17, 1940, the Commission received confirmation of the President's approval as of October 11 of the remaining unit necessary to complete the Bangor Airport project.

The status of the remaining airport projects is as follows:

Millinocket—1st unit approved by the President, June 29, 1940; 2nd unit, August 31, 1940. The Defense Commission's participation one half of sponsor's contribution not to exceed \$15,000.

Houlton—1st unit approved by the President, June 21, 1940; 2nd unit, October 4, 1940; 3rd unit pending.

Presque Isle—1st unit approved by the President, September 5, 1940; 2nd unit pending.

Auburn-Lewiston—1st unit approved by the President, August 26, 1940; 2nd unit pending.

Princeton—Options on land necessary for airport obtained by Defense Commission. Approval pending.

The Defense Commission total contribution to these six airports will be approximately \$227,000. This estimate is subject to change either up or down, depending on final figures from W. P. A.

In a status report as of September 5, received from the Army General Staff, the list of approved projects for Maine included two airports—Portland and Waterville—other than the six on the priority list of the War Department. This addition in no wise affects the Commission policy of early July, the continuously maintained in all conferences and correspondence, to concentrate its cooperation in national defense on the six airports given special priority by the War Department, because strategically best situated to serve military aviation. In an earlier letter, July 15, to the State Administrator of the Works Projects Administration, a representative of the General Staff had stated that:

"Augusta, Biddeford, Brunswick, Rumford, Sanford, and Waterville, are on equal priority below the first six depending upon the relief labor load available and the amount of funds, which can be spent on them. It is understood, of course, that the State of Maine has calls other than the War Department's Airport program for their national defense fund. *** The War Department intends to approve, if possible, sufficient funds for the minimum construction necessary for Army planes at all twelve airports, and, as I said above, to the extent that the State of Maine can contribute to at least the first six which are on priority, by that amount will we be able to save not only for other Maine air-

ports, but also for strategic airports in the rest of the country."

As bearing upon the present stage of progress of the airport program of the State Military Defense Commission, the Legislature is respectfully informed:

That, the original policy of the Commission, responsive to the plain purpose of the Act, and predicated upon first hand knowledge of the defense program of Army Aviation, and that alone, remains in full effect;

That, this policy of promoting military defense solely, has come to be fully understood by Federal officials, in Maine and in Washington;

That in no instance has delay been occasioned by inaction by the Commission's field staff or hesitation on the part of the Commission itself; but,

That, the vexatious slowness in accomplishment at the selected airports can be traced primarily to Federal administrative delays, due in turn to the involved official procedure.

While the airport program has necessarily been given priority in attention, both in Commission consideration and engineering activities of the staff, the other mandates of the Legislature have not been overlooked nor laid aside.

Armories

Second only to airport construction are the all too obvious requirements of the National Guard in added storage for modern military equipment—as well as more adequate armory facilities for military training. The mobilization program now in immediate prospect affords ample time for well planned construction of necessary projects.

The broad provisions of the Act under which the Commission operates facilitate effective accomplishment through prompt planning and quality execution, restricted only by the well tested rules of business operation. The progress thus far attained in the armory program may be reported as follows:

Remodeling Milk Street Armory at Portland, contract let September 20, 1940, in the amount of \$20,386.

Construction of a new armory in Brunswick, contract let September 20, 1940, in the amount of \$59,046.61.

Remodeling Head house at Belfast, contract let October 15, 1940, in the amount of \$8,105.02.

Plans and specifications are in preparation for the following armories: Remodeling building on Stevens Avenue, Portland, for the accommodation of 103rd Infantry, including regimental headquarters; drill shed in Belfast; new armories at South Portland, Saco, Rumford, Norway, Newport, Brewer, Houlton. It is expected that bids will be received for construction purposes within the next two months. It is estimated that the total cost of these armories will be approximately \$791,000.

The Commission found, on inspection of State owned armories, that extensive maintenance repairs were required at the following places: Bath, Gardiner, Bangor and Millinocket. The necessary repairs have been authorized at an estimated expense of \$6,200.

Among other matters with which the Commission has concerned itself is the formation of a National Guard Squadron (aviation unit), and is investigating the possibility of procuring the same and the necessary facilities for its use.

The Commission has selected a site for an artillery range which has been approved by both the United States and Maine National Guard Army officers. The locus includes the towns of Aurora and Amherst and in Plantation 33 and Township 32, all in Hancock County, comprising 9805 acres, including 104 acres as a cantonment area. The United States Army officers state this will provide one of the finest artillery ranges in the entire country, and will be used for bombing practice by the Air Corps and as an infantry combat range, as well as a field artillery range. This area is now under appraisal survey by Prentiss and Carlisle Co., Inc., of Bangor.

Transportation

Inseparably connected with the production activities of both farm and factory is the adequacy of transportation facilities. Furthermore, any complete defense program must include transportation, and the Commission is giving consideration to the hazardous conditions of the existing bottleneck over Fore River at Portland, affecting marine, truck and rail transport.

FINANCIAL

August 12, 1940, \$1,000,000 of bonds, or one half the authorized issue, were sold for \$1,009,030, which

amount, less a service charge of \$100, plus accrued interest of \$333.33, made a total of \$1,009,263.33 received from the sale.

Statement of Expenditures to

October 1, 1940

Payroll	\$ 6,049.36
Travelling Expenses	1,681.82
Supplies Expendable	352.31
Supplies Non-Expendable	490.62
Printing, Advertising & Mailing bonds	597.87
Architects Fees	2,000.00
Advertising Bids	62.02
Telephone & Telegraph	12.37
Armory Maintenance	383.90
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General Overhead	
Salaries	3,091.73
Travelling Expenses	506.96
Printing, Advertising & Mailing Bonds	597.87
Telephone & Telegraph Expense	12.37
Supplies	
Expendable	338.41
Non-Expendable	490.62
Armories	
Overhead	4,436.63
Artillery Range	
Overhead	452.32
Auburn & Lewiston Airport	
Preliminary	114.43
Bangor Airport	
Preliminary	598.54
Houlton Airport	
Preliminary	962.30
Fresque Isle Airport	
Preliminary	137.44
Princeton Airport	
Preliminary	\$1,141.26
Belfast Armory	
Preliminary	132.80
Brunswick Armory	
Preliminary	2,019.47
Newport Armory	
Preliminary	31.10
Portland Armory—Milk Street	
Preliminary	57.65
Portland Armory—Stevens Ave.	
Preliminary	90.73
Maintenance	383.90
Westbrook	
Preliminary	26.74
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	\$11,630.27

Salaries Paid

C. S. Robinson, Administrative Director	191.78 weekly
A. L. Huot, Chief Clerk	40.00 "

Stanley French, Assistant Chief Clerk	35.00	"
Ethel V. Hall, Secretary	20.00	"
Irving W. Russell, Engineer	42.00	"
Chas. H. Folsom, Senior Engineer	60.00	"
J. C. Welch, Senior Engineer	48.00	"
Burleigh Boyd, Engineer's Assistant	36.00	"
Richard C. Hopkins, Rodman	25.00	"
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	\$497.78	

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) LEWIS O. BARROWS,
Chairman.

FRANK E. SOUTHARD,
Vice Chairman & Secretary.

October 21, 1940.

Thereupon, the communication, together with the report, were received, and ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

(On motion by Mr. LaFleur of Portland, 500 copies ordered printed.)

Orders

Mr. Leveque of Lewiston, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Attorney General report forthwith to this special session of the Legislature the full amounts recovered by the State to date from the former Controller, William Runnells.

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. McGlaufflin of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Thompson of Castle Hill, be excused from the remainder of this session of the Legislature on account of pressing business.

Mr. Lambert of Lewiston, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Bureau of Health, of the Department of Health and Welfare, be requested to submit a report of its investigation of pollution conditions of the Androscoggin River waters, and, in conjunction with the Public Utilities Commission, report to the Ninetieth Legis-

lature recommendations for remedial legislation.

Mr. LAMBERT of Lewiston: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I would like, for a few minutes, just to call your attention to the very deplorable condition existing along the shores of the Androscoggin River. It appears that in the past at least ten years that this river, the Androscoggin River — especially so in the vicinity of Rumford, Norway, Lewiston, and down to its discharge, — the river waters are getting more polluted each year. Three years ago the river waters were in such a condition that it caused a smell or odor which was very unpleasant. The condition during the summer of 1940 this year has grown steadily worse; and we never had in the vicinity of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn anything so bad as this year, caused by the pollution of the Androscoggin River. In view of the fact that this pollution existed, it caused a large number of complaints to be filed with the Department of Health and Welfare, and also complaints with Representatives in various towns along the shores of the Androscoggin, which, I am sure, you will all bear with me, that whatever I say is true. As a preliminary step in such a deplorable condition, it was deemed wise by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Marshall, at the time, to call the representatives and interested citizens in conference, and this conference was held early in August in the Municipal Court Room in the City of Lewiston. Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Campbell, both of the Health Department, were invited and they submitted reports on the existing conditions. At that time there was no question regarding what the smell was; it was revealed that it was sulphide gas, which was being formed and was borne on the air to people along the shores, and it caused a very disagreeable odor, and in some cases caused sensitive throats and sensitive stomachs to be very ill. Outside of the health condition, this year especially, thousands of dollars of damage was caused in Androscoggin County from sulphide gas damage, turning the colors of painting on various houses; for instance a white house would turn to black or yellow, and thus a lot of damage was caused. Outside of the property damage, the business districts in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn

were very severely affected by the odor. It was called to my attention, and I was asked to report to you, that the hotels in the City of Lewiston were unable to keep transients and that the movie houses were unable to keep patrons, caused by the fact that on a muggy day the odor would go in and it would be practically next to impossible to air out. At the special conference which was held, it was suggested that at that conference, which was well attended by all interested parties, from all over the county, and by all people in that area along the shores of the Androscoggin, that some form of legislation could be made and drafted which would remedy the conditions. At that time it was also pointed out that the Health Department did not have any jurisdiction over the polluted conditions of the rivers and streams in Maine. As this was a non-political matter, which I want you all to be aware of, after this condition was revealed, much talk was had about it, and our able Congresswoman from Washington, Mrs. Smith, pointed out some Federal Law which covered polluted conditions in various rivers which were navigable or their tributaries. — and the Androscoggin, being a tributary of the navigable Kennebec River, came under this jurisdiction. I, personally, due to being a Representative and as a citizen of Lewiston, wrote to Commander Weachee of the National Guard in Washington, D. C., complaining about the condition, and pointed out the law which Mrs. Smith had referred to, and he immediately answered, and said that the law was still in effect, and that the Federal government would immediately work to relieve the situation. Since then, a conference has been held with the United States District Attorney in Portland and engineers of the Coast Guard in Boston attended and gave a report. Further conference is being held, in which all interested citizens will be called in. At the present time, an aerial survey is being made by the Federal government. In talking over the situation this week, due to the fact that this Special Session is very short, we are not going to present many bills at this time to delay the Legislature, but is is most necessary to safeguard the health of the public. It is a much needed thing for the relief of the Androscoggin River odor, and

so, therefore, after a series of conferences with Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Campbell, I talked with them again this morning, and I wish to state that Dr. Campbell was the one that really worded practically all of the Order which I have just presented to you. He informs me that the Health Department has already been working on it, and it is making surveys and making analyses of the river, and are ready now, within three hours, if this Legislature desires, to submit a report of its investigation. I made it a point in my statement to them that I did not think it was necessary, at this time, to delay the Legislature and they volunteered to state in my Order that they would submit a report to the 90th Legislature, in order to have the Legislators know of the existing conditions and just what is wrong with the Androscoggin River. I do not believe in taking the powers away from one department and turning them over to another without the sanction of both. The Public Utilities Commission now have jurisdiction over the rivers and streams, and I believe that if they work in cooperation with the Health Department in the next two months that they can recommend proper legislation. I am sure that I personally do not know anything about bacteria or anything else that is existing in the river, and I do not attempt to know or make you believe that I know, but I am just an interested citizen and would like to see something being done about cleaning up the Androscoggin River and relieving this distressing condition. In this report, which my Order calls for, is this recommendation to the 90th Legislature, that we feel that there is some legislation that should be presented by the State, in cooperation possibly—that they might possibly cooperate with the officials in New Hampshire, and formulate some plans themselves on what could possibly be done. I think it is very advisable for the 89th Legislature here in Special Session to give the opportunity to make the Public Utilities and the Health Department cooperate together to investigate and recommend to the legislators here in January, 1941, just what could be done, and just what legislation could be passed to help out, if there is any, and, if not, report it just the same.

I appear here as a Representative, and also in the interests of the citi-

zens along the shores of the Androscoggin, and hope that the Representatives here will accept this Order, and I also wish to read to you a letter that I received, shortly after we called this conference in Lewiston, from a man in Lisbon Falls, which is a town on the shore of the Androscoggin River. It reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Representative:

Due to various political commitments, our local member of the House will be unable to attend your meeting to organize for attack upon the matter of river pollution but I am writing to let you know that the Lisbon Falls citizens have suffered much from this distressing condition and will back you to the limit.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Arthur N. Lawrence
Secretary, Lisbon Falls Business Club."

Thereupon, the Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Maxim of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act Providing for the Expiration of all Orders of the Governor's Council at the End of Its Term" (S. P. 777) (L. D. 1260), which was passed to be enacted in both branches and recalled to the Senate by Joint Order, and which came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence, and which was tabled in the House on July 26th by Mr. Maxim, pending motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, that the House insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, that the House insist on its former action whereby it refused to indefinitely postpone the Bill and ask for a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon, the House voted to insist upon its former action, and the Chair appointed on the Committee of Conference the following conferees on the part of the House: The gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Noyes, the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills and the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Maxim.

The Bill was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Recess**After Recess—12.15 P. M.**

Papers from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules.

Partial Report of the Committee on Administrative Code Created by Resolve (H. P. 2259) (L. D. 1226) (Report S. P. 792) with accompanying Bills reported by the Committee as follows:

Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee" (S. P. 738) (L. D. 1265)

Bill "An Act relating to Payment of State Officers and Employees" (S. P. 789) (L. D. 1266)

Bill "An Act relating to the Duties of the Treasurer of State" (S. P. 790) (L. D. 1267)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bills given their several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to a Committee.

In the House:

Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bills given their three several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Also another Bill reported by same Committee as follows:

Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Accounts to the State" (S. P. 791) (L. D. 1264) which came from the Senate referred to the 90th Legislature.

In the House:

The Bill was given its first reading.

Mr. PAYSON from Portland: Mr. Speaker, the action taken in the Senate on this Bill was taken with the concurrence of the Committee which reported it. This Bill sets up a method whereby the State may offset accounts which it owes towns and individuals and the accounts which those individuals and towns owe the State. This is a matter of sufficient outside public interest where the towns might want to be represented, and it seems well to the Committee to refer it to the Ninetieth Legislature and thereby permit public hearing on the Bill. I therefore move that we concur with the Senate in referring the Bill to the Ninetieth Legislature.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed and the Bill was referred to the

Ninetieth Legislature in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Is there any further business to come before the House under Orders of the Day?

Mr. VARNEY of Berwick: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that it will take some little time for the Engrossing Department to engross the three Bills which we have just passed to be engrossed, and as there does not appear to be much else to do until that is accomplished, I move that the House recess until four o'clock this afternoon.

The motion prevailed, and the House so recessed.

After Recess—4:20 P. M.**Conference Report**

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on "An Act providing for the Expiration of all Orders of the Governor's Council at the End of its Term" (S. P. 777) (L. D. 1260) reporting that both branches recede and concur in passing the Bill as amended by House Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

(Signed) Messrs.

NOYES of Franklin
MILLS of Farmington
MAXIM of Portland

—Committee on
part of House.

TOMPKINS of Houlton
THATCHER of Penobscot
SANBORN of Cumberland
—Committee on
part of Senate.

The Clerk then read House Amendment "A" as follows:

House Amendment "A" to Senate Paper 777, Legislative Document 1260

An Act providing for the Expiration of all Orders of the Governor's Council at the End of its Term.

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 2 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. **Limitation.** The provisions of this Act shall not apply to the following classes of council orders: Orders relating to the appointment of officers and employees of the state authorized by law, or fixing their compensation, and orders authorizing contracts which may not be wholly performed during the term of the council passing such orders.'

Thereupon, the House voted to

reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

House Amendment "A" was then adopted, and the Bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

(Out of Order)

The following Communication:
(H. P. 2295)

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
AUGUSTA

October 22, 1940

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In reply to the request for information contained in Joint Order passed on October 22, 1940 (H. P. 2292), the full amount recovered by the State to date from former Con-

troller William A. Runnells, is \$26,-420.00.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General.

The communication was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and ordered placed on file and sent up for concurrence.

The following Communication:
(H. P. 2294)

To the Honorable Members of the Eighty-ninth Legislature:

In compliance with House Order dated October 21, 1940, I hereby submit list of buildings and offices hired by the State for the housing of departments, the monthly rental basis and the location of said buildings and offices.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) H. E. Rodgers
State Controller.

October 22, 1940

SUMMARY OF RENTAL ON YEARLY BASIS

<i>Department</i>	<i>Monthly Basis</i>	<i>Yearly Basis</i>
Health and Welfare.....	\$1,155.22.....	\$13,862.64
Unemployment Compensation Commission....	1,869.42.....	22,433.04
Liquor Commission.....	4,106.81.....	49,281.72
Secretary of State.....	292.00.....	3,504.00
Agriculture Department.....	96.00.....	1,152.00
Sea and Shore Fisheries.....	65.00.....	780.00
		<hr/> \$91,013.40

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

RENTAL AGREEMENTS DISTRICT AND BRANCH OFFICES

Division Emergency Aid

Date August 1, 1940

<i>Dis- trict Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Landlord</i>	<i>Terms of Rental</i>				<i>L i e g h t t Included</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
			<i>Lease or Tenant at Will</i>	<i>Rental Rate</i>	<i>Duration of Lease (Dates)</i>	<i>Options of Renewal</i>		
	Van Buren	Parent Brothers	T at W				No	

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
RENTAL AGREEMENTS DISTRICT AND BRANCH OFFICES

Division Old Age Assistance

Date September 24, 1940

<i>District Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Landlord</i>	<i>Terms of Rental</i>				<i>L i g h t</i>		<i>Remarks</i>
			<i>Lease or Tenant at Will</i>	<i>Rental Rate</i>	<i>Duration of Lease (Dates)</i>	<i>Options of Renewal</i>	<i>H e a t</i>	<i>I n c l u d e d</i>	
1	Portland, 142 High St.	Congress St. Corp.	T at W	\$100.00			Yes	No	
1	Kennebunk, Town Hall	Town	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
2	Auburn, Court House	City	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
2	Farmington, Court House	Town	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
2	Rumford, Court House	Town	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
2	South Paris, Court House	Town	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
3	Belfast, Savings Bank Bldg.	Dunton and Morse	T at W	\$ 20.00			Yes	No	
3	Rockland, 447 Main St.	W. H. Glover	T at W	25.00			Yes	No	
3	Wiscasset, Haggett Block	L. B. Haggett	T at W	12.00			No	No	
4	Augusta, 331 Water St.	Kennebec Journal	T at W	37.80			Yes	No	
4	Skowhegan, Water St.	Sampson Drug Store	T at W	25.00			Yes	No	
4	Waterville, 90 Main St.	McLellan Stores	T at W	20.00			Yes	No	
5	Bangor, Coe Bldg.	T. U. Coe Estate	T at W	60.00			Yes	No	Water No
5	Dover-Foxcroft, Caswell Block	Pisc. St. Laundry	T at W	25.00			Yes	No	
5	Lincoln, Bank Block	Linart Realty Co.	T at W	25.00			Yes	No	
6	Ellsworth, City Building	City	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
6	Machias, Leighton Block	L. I. Leighton	T at W	\$ 10.00			No	No	Water No
7	Caribou, Water St.	G. A. Ritchie	Lease	25.00	2/1/41	No	Yes	No	
7	Fort Kent, Bank Block	Fort Kent Trust Co.	T at W	12.00			Yes	Yes	
7	Houlton, Trust Co. Block	Houlton Trust Co.	T at W	20.00			Yes	No	
7	Van Buren, Town Hall	Town	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
RENTAL AGREEMENTS DISTRICT AND BRANCH OFFICES

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Division

Bureau of Social Welfare

Date February 10, 1940

<i>District Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Landlord</i>	<i>Terms of Rental</i>				<i>H e a t Included</i>	<i>L i g h t Included</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
			<i>Lease or Tenant at Will</i>	<i>Rental Rate</i>	<i>Duration of Lease (Dates)</i>	<i>Options of Renewal</i>			
1	Caribou, Caribou Drug Co. Bld.	Caribou Drug Co.	Lease	\$22.00			No	No	
1	Houlton, Trust Building	Houlton Trust Co.	T at W	18.00			No	No	
1	Lincoln, 1 Mechanic St.	Linart Realty Co.	Lease	12.00			No	No	
2	Bangor, Court House	City	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
2	Belfast, 26 Main St.	Odd Fellows Bldg. Ass'n	T at W	10.42			No	No	
	Calais, City Building	City	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
	Dover-Foxcroft, Caswell Blk.	Pisc. St. Laundry					Yes	Yes	
		Old Age Assist. Office	T at W	Free					
	Ellsworth Court House	City	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
	Machias, Leighton Blk.	L. I. Leighton	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
		Old Age Asst. Office							
3	Augusta, State House	State	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
	Skowhegan, 36 Madison Ave.	John C. Griffin	Lease	30.00			No	No	
4	Auburn, Court House	City	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
	Brunswick, Town Hall Pl.	Emma T. Senter	T at W	18.00			No	No	
	Damariscotta, Main St.	Daisy G. Curtis	T at W	10.00			No	No	
	Rumford, McKenzie Blk.	C.H. McKenzie Co.	Lease	20.00			Yes	No	
5	Biddeford, 5 Washington St.	Paquin Bldg., Inc.	T at W	12.00			No	No	
	Portland, Court House	Court House, City	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	
	Sanford, Sanford Trust Co. Bldg.	Batchelders Ins.Co.	T at W	12.00			No	No	
	Demonstration Area, Norway	Selectmens Office	T at W	Free			Yes	Yes	

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
RENTAL AGREEMENTS DISTRICT AND BRANCH OFFICES

Division Bureau of Health

Date September 1, 1940

<i>Dis- trict Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Landlord</i>	<i>Terms of Rental</i>				<i>L i e g h t Included</i>		<i>Remarks</i>
			<i>Lease or Tenant at Will</i>	<i>Rental Rate</i>	<i>Duration of Lease (Dates)</i>	<i>Options of Renewal</i>	<i>H e a t</i>	<i>No Yes</i>	
1	Portland	Boyd Block Owners	T at W	\$ 20.00			Yes	No	
	Bridgton	Casco Bank & Trust	T at W	9.00			Yes	Yes	
	Rumford	Municipal Bldg.	T at W	Free					
	South Paris	High School	T at W	Free					
	Alfred	Court House	T at W	Free					
2	Dover-Foxcroft	Town Building	T at W	Free					
	Skowhegan	Eno & Tarbox	T at W	15.00			Yes	No	
	Brewer	Brewer Savings Bank	T at W	15.00			Yes	No	
3	Caribou	Municipal Bldg.	T at W	25.00			Yes	No	
	Fort Kent	Geo. E. Morneault	T at W	20.00			Yes	No	
	Island Falls	Mrs. Mary Drew	T at W	10.00			Yes	Yes	
	Houlton	J. R. Harvey Co.	T at W	20.00			Yes	No	
	Lincoln	Mrs. W. Bates	T at W	5.00			Yes	Yes	
4	Machias	Municipal Bldg.	T at W	Free			Yes	No	
	Calais	Municipal Bldg.	T at W	Free					
	Ellsworth	Court House	T at W	Free					
	Harrington	Mrs. Chas. H. Weeks	T at W	5.00			Yes	Yes	
5	Richmond	Municipal Bldg.	T at W	Free					
	Damariscotta	Mrs. Ada Wheelock	T at W	5.00			Yes	Yes	
	Union	Mrs. Emma Jones	T at W	3.00			Yes	Yes	
	Belfast	City Drug Store	T at W	12.00			Yes	No	
	Demonstration Area, Waterville	N. Hillson & Sons	T at W	20.00			Yes	No	

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
RENTAL AGREEMENTS DISTRICT AND BRANCH OFFICES

Division Commodity Distribution							Date July 29, 1940		
Dis- trict Number	Location	Landlord	Terms of Rental				L i c g a h t t Included	Remarks	
			Lease or Tenant at Will	Rental Rate	Duration of Lease (Dates)	Options of Renewal			
	213-215 Commercial, Portland	P. P. Baxter	T at W	\$75.00			No	No	
	123 Summer St., Gardiner	R. P. Hazzard	T at W	60.00			No	No	
	Church St., Gardiner	Russell Amusement	Lease	65.00	10/31/40	Yes	No	No	
	32 Oak Street, Bangor	S. H. Cohen	Lease	60.00	10/31/40	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	75 French St., Bangor	Bailey Stg. Whse.	T at W	70.00			No	No	
	Van Buren, Maine	Eulalie Watson	T at W	20.00			No	No	
	Van Buren, Maine	Almon C. Smith	T at W	30.00			No	No	
	Fort Kent, Maine	Fort Kent Trust	T at W	10.00			Yes	No	

MAINE STATE LIQUOR COMMISSION
RENT SCHEDULE

As of October 22, 1940

<i>Store No.</i>	<i>Monthly Charge</i>	<i>Lessor</i>	
1 Lewiston.....	\$175.00	E. L. Danton Estate....	Lease
2 Biddeford.....	90.00	Amanda Pelletier.....	"
3 Portland — Middle St....	208.33	Casco Mercantile Trust Co.	"
4 Portland — West End ..	145.83	" " " " " " " "	Tenant at will
4 Portland — " " Addl.	34.33	Portland Terminal Co....	" " "
5 Augusta.....	150.00	Gannett Pub. Co.....	*
6 Waterville.....	100.00	W. T. Haines Estate....	Lease
7 Bangor.....	125.00	Eastern Industries.....	"
8 Houlton.....	108.33	Mars Hill Motor Co. ...	"
12 Rumford.....	75.00	Joseph Sinert.....	"
13 Rockland.....	125.00	Charles H. Berry.....	"
14 Ellsworth.....	75.00	H. S. Jones.....	"
15 Bar Harbor.....	125.00	Nathan Hillson.....	Tenant at will
16 Calais.....	50.00	L. H. Todd Estate.....	Lease
17 Belfast.....	55.00	Ida Frankel.....	"
18 Bath.....	150.00	Sagadahoc Real Estate Ass'n.	"
19 Millinocket.....	70.00	Mary J. Smart.....	"
20 Skowhegan.....	65.00	Estate of E. N. Merrill	"
21 Old Orchard.....	41.66	Katherine Doyle.....	"
22 Auburn.....	75.00	Annie Walton Estate ...	"
23 Sanford.....	40.00	S. A. Cobb.....	**
24 Gardiner.....	75.00	Alice M. Atkins.....	Lease
25 Westbrook.....	75.00	Saccarappa Lodge No. 11—I.O.O.F.	"
26 Old Town.....	100.00	George Desjardins.....	"
27 Caribou.....	75.00	G. G. Wakem.....	"
28 Madawaska.....	83.33	Willie Daigle.....	Tenant at will
29 Madison.....	75.00	Bernard Gibbs.....	" " "
30 Lincoln.....	75.00	Albert Butterfield.....	Lease
31 Van Buren.....	65.00	J. A. Pelletier.....	"
32 Fort Fairfield.....	75.00	R. R. Johnston & H. G. Richards	*
33 Norway.....	65.00	Ulmer Installment Co....	Lease
34 Kittery.....	125.00	Alice M. & Temple J. Lynds	"
35 Boothbay Harbor.....	60.00	Natalie B. Nickerson ...	"
36 Fort Kent.....	75.00	L. H. Fournier.....	"
37 Brunswick.....	90.00	Lewiston Buick Co.....	"
38 Eastport.....	50.00	Roy A. Burr.....	"
39 Newport.....	50.00	L. B. Soper.....	"
41 Farmington.....	60.00	Justin E. McLeary.....	"
42 Bridgton.....	50.00	Walter Dews — Guy W. Adams — Lucy M. Adams & Annie Wildber- ger	"
43 Machias.....	50.00	G. D. Getchell — Mary Dinsmore — Thomas Getchell	"
66 Warehouse — Augusta....	650.00	Central Maine Power Co.	"

* Lease recently expired — expect renewal

** Lease expected for new location being moved into 10/22/40 — monthly rental charge listed is that for temporary location.

LIST OF OWNERS OR LESSORS OF PROPERTY OCCUPIED BY
MAINE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COMMISSION

<i>Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Monthly Rental</i>		<i>Expiration Date</i>
Daily Kennebec Journal	Augusta	\$881.42	Lease	June 30, 1941
Frank W. Durgin	Bangor	180.00	Lease	June 30, 1941
Bath Y. M. C. A.	Bath	51.00	Tenant-at-will	
*Paquin Building, Inc.	Biddeford	90.00	Tenant-at-will	
Unobskey's	Calais	50.00	Lease in process	
Aroostook Trust Company	Caribou	50.00	Tenant-at-will	
Lewiston Journal Company	Lewiston	135.00	Lease	June 30, 1942
First National Bank	Portland	175.00	Lease	July 31, 1942
B. L. Segal	Rockland	65.00	Tenant-at-will	
John Orino	Rumford	35.00	Tenant-at-will	
Green Brothers Realty Trust Co.	Sanford	30.00	Tenant-at-will	
Fred J. Sterns	Skowhegan	47.00	Tenant-at-will	
Sam and Isaac Hillson	Waterville	80.00	Lease	June 30, 1941

*Vacating this property December 1, 1940. Lease for new location in process with Masonic Building Association of Biddeford at same rental.

RENTAL OF OFFICES FOR THE AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION
BUREAUS AT ROCKLAND, CALAIS, PORTLAND, AUBURN,
BANGOR AND PRESQUE ISLE.*Rate Per Month*

First National Bank of Rockland

Rockland, Maine.....\$40.00 (Including Janitor Service)

City of Calais

Calais, Maine..... 40.00 (Including Heat, Lights, Janitor
Service and Vault Facilities)

Port of Portland Authority

Maine State Pier

Portland, Maine..... 50.00 (Including Janitor Service)

First National Bank of Lewiston

Auburn Banking Rooms

Auburn, Maine..... 50.00

Anah Temple Association

Bangor, Maine..... 52.00 (Lease)

West and Larrabee

Presque Isle, Maine..... 60.00 (Including Heat and Janitor Service)

Tenants at will with the exception of Bangor

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

<i>Location</i>	<i>Monthly Charge</i>	<i>Lessor</i>
Caribou.....	\$60.00.....	Town of Caribou
Portland.....	36.00.....	Moore's Service Station

SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES

<i>Location</i>	<i>Monthly Charge</i>	<i>Lessor</i>
Boothbay Harbor.....	\$65.00.....	Depositors Trust Company

The communication, together with the accompanying list of buildings and offices hired by the State for the housing of departments, was received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and ordered placed on file and sent up for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee (S. P. 788) (L. D. 1265)

An Act relating to Payment of State Officers and Employees (S. P. 789) (L. D. 1266)

An Act relating to the Duties of the Treasurer of State (S. P. 790) (L. D. 1267)

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.

The gentleman from Strong, Mr. Richardson, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I recognize the Joint Order that has been adopted at one of the previous sessions of this Special Session, wherein it was agreed that no legislation could be adopted without unanimous consent, unless it related to some legislation of the Special Legislative Investigating Committee or some recommendation coming from the Code Committee. However, last night a group of dairymen representing the industry in Kennebec and Androscoggin Counties came here and requested that a Bill be presented,—a Bill which, by the way, has a direct bearing upon the industry in which they are engaged. Briefly, may I say that during recent months there has been a tend-

ency on the part of some of the city officials in various parts of the State to promulgate local ordinances which have restricted and regulated the sale of raw milk and cream in the communities affected.

Under the terms of these regulations as drawn up, it has been possible for the operator of the so-called "family size farm" to operate and maintain a milk route and sell that milk without pasteurization, providing that he did not purchase any from his neighbors. It is obvious from that statement that many of those men are not producing enough milk to enable them to finance the expense of maintaining a route, and, as a result, it has been necessary, and it still is, that they be permitted to purchase milk in that State without that regulation. Under the terms of the ordinances as being brought up or developed, they find that they are faced with the necessity of installing pasteurization plants, which means an investment of from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and it is evident, on the face of it, that the industry cannot face that initial charge. Frankly, this is another in the sinister moves being initiated and financed by groups that are determined to force the milk producers of this State,—and they constitute the backbone of the agricultural industry of the State of Maine — into a situation where they are forced to sell their milk to the big distributors, those distributors in turn paying the farmers such prices as they see fit, and they in turn forcing the consumers to pay their price.

Now, those who are producing milk have no conflict with the concerns that are distributing pasteurized milk and cream, certainly not,

because we recognize it has a place and that there is a demand for it, but we insist that just as long as the men and women in this State are willing to consume milk and cream which has not been pasteurized, but which has been produced under reasonably sanitary conditions, that they should have that right. As a matter of fact, I can point to our distinguished Clerk of the House and the distinguished gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Buzzell, as being two men who grew up and reached a reasonable degree of stature, at least, before pasteurized milk ever became known. (Laughter) And I submit that situation still exists, and so, frankly, we say that the measure which has been drawn up is not an infringement upon the rights of those who desire to sell or to purchase the product after it is pasteurized, but we still insist that this is no time to continue to draw ever tighter upon those strings of regimentation and control that they virtually drive the dairy producers of Maine out of business. I submit to you that agriculture is now, and always has been, one of the basic industries of Maine, and only as that industry is able to operate without undue restriction will it be able to function in a normal manner, and that is all that we are asking, under the terms of this proposed emergency bill, that I now ask leave to introduce under suspension of the rules and by unanimous consent. I am prepared for any objections from the floor.

The SPEAKER: The Assistant Clerk will read the title of the Bill. Bill "An Act Relating to By-laws Regulating the Sale of Milk."

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Strong, Mr. Richardson, asks unanimous consent to introduce a

Bill despite the Joint Closing Order. Is there objection.

The Chair hears objection.

Out of order and under suspension of the rules it was

ORDERED, that Edmond J. Lambert is hereby delegated to act as the personal representative of the House of Representatives of the 89th Legislature for the purpose of delivering the bouquet of flowers presented by the House to the widow of Harry E. Plummer.

Mr. BUZZELL of Belfast: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of inquiry. The SPEAKER: The gentleman may state his point.

Mr. BUZZELL: By way of a question, Mr. Speaker: Was there an objection to the introduction of the Bill by the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Richardson?

The SPEAKER: The Chair heard objection.

Mr. BUZZELL: Mr. Speaker, I just heard the Chair addressed, and I wondered if there were other objections besides those of the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Hinman.

The SPEAKER: The Chair heard other objections and so ruled.

House at Ease

5:30 P. M.

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: In accordance with Section 1, Article II, Chapter 216 of the Laws of 1931, the Chair will appoint to the Advisory Committee on Budget the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Murchie.

On motion by Mr. Varney of Berwick,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.