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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hendriksen of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to the Milk Control Board" (H. P. 476) (L. D. 940)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve to Establish Working Capital for Institutional Farms (S. P. 477) (L. D. 941)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Aid Deficits of Public and Private Hospitals (S. P. 478) (L. D. 942)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Admission to Normal Schools and Teachers' Colleges" (S. P. 480) (L. D. 943)

Bill "An Act Relating to State Scholarships for Normal School and Teachers' College Students" (S. P. 481) (L. D. 944)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Memorial to Congress re. Tidelands Decision (S. P. 482) (L. D. 946)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Ballots" (S. P. 483) (L. D. 947)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Authorizing Board of Examiners of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to Issue License to Arthur Andrews of Rockland (S. P. 484) (L. D. 948)

Resolve Authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Pharmacy to Issue Certificate of Registration to Edward Laurence of Rockland (S. P. 485) (L. D. 949)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Paul Paquette of Lewiston (S. P. 506)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Gladys Guimond of Auburn (S. P. 507)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Interstate Transportation of Shellfish" (S. P. 490) (L. D. 950)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Fee for Commercial Shellfish License" (S. P. 491) (L. D. 951)

Resolve in Favor of Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission (S. P. 322) (L. D. 939)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve in Favor of Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association (S. P. 492) (L. D. 952)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Sanatoriums.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Sanatoriums in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Limitation of Liquor Licenses by Liquor Commission" (S. P. 493) (L. D. 953)

Bill "An Act Relating to Limitation of Liquor Licenses by Towns" (S. P. 494) (L. D. 954)

Bill "An Act Relating to Limitation of Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 495) (L. D. 945)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Temperance.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Merrill (S. P. 513)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Federal Employees' Credit Union of Maine" (S. P. 80) (L. D. 69)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Inactive Savings Deposits in Banks" (S. P. 222) (L. D. 342)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Guardians for Adults, and Conservators" (S. P. 226) (L. D. 343)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Increases of Capital Stock" (S. P. 208) (L. D. 355)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An

Act to Incorporate the Town of Norway School District" (S. P. 311) (L. D. 504)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Create the Phippsburg School District" (S. P. 310) (L. D. 503)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Enlarging the Territory of the Parsonsfield-Kezar Falls Village Corporation" (S. P. 275) (L. D. 448)

Report of the Committee on Motor Vehicles reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (S. P. 172) (L. D. 232)

Report of the Committee on Welfare reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (S. P. 125) (L. D. 146)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed.

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

From the Senate: The following additional paper not on the Advance Journal:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 1, 1949, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 535)

Came from the Senate in that body read and passed.

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

On motion by Mr. Brown of Unity, the House voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby it referred Resolve in Favor of Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission (S. P. 322) (L. D. 939) to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown.

Mr BROWN: Mr. Speaker, this resolve asks for an appropriation from the General Fund of \$30,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and

\$30,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951. I now move that this resolve be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed and the Resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves, transmitted by Director of Legislative Research pursuant to joint orders (S. P. 452), were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Relating to the Publishing of State Notices" (H. P. 1714) (Presented by Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Creating Veteran Bonus Fund and to Provide Moneys Therefor" (H. P. 1715) (Presented by Mr. Jennings of Strong)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act Relating to Superintending School Committees" (H. P. 1716) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Durham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Relating to Jurisdiction of Divorce Actions by Justice of Superior Court in Vacation" (H. P. 1717) (Presented by Mr. Atherton of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Support of Dependent Wives, Children and Poor Relatives" (H. P. 1718) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Attachment of Wages" (H. P. 1719) (Pre-

sented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the State Personnel Law" (H. P. 1720) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Suspension of Licenses Under Financial Responsibility Law" (H. P. 1721) (Presented by Mr. Fitch of Sebago)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to a Revolving Fund to Satisfy Judgments from Motor Vehicle Accidents" (H. P. 1722) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act Requiring Employer Assenting to Workmen's Compensation Law to File Written Assent and Insurance Policy" (H. P. 1723) (Presented by Mr. White of Auburn by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Permitting Dog Racing" (H. P. 1724) (Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Permitting Theatrical Productions on Sunday" (H. P. 1725) (Presented by Mr. Dufresne of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Dance Halls" (H. P. 1726) (Presented by Mr. Hayward of Machias by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Street Openings" (H. P. 1727) (Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Motor Vehicles

Bill "An Act to Protect the Blind and Incapacitated Pedestrians on Public Streets and Highways" (H. P. 1728) (Presented by Mr. Hobbs of Acton)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Placing of Owners' Names on Commercial Vehicles" (H. P. 1729) (Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Health

Bill "An Act Relating to the Sale of Rags as Wiping Cloths" (H. P. 1730) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Construct, Operate and Maintain Sewerage Facilities" (H. P. 1731) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Waldo County" (H. P. 1732) (Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of Probate of Waldo County" (H. P. 1733) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Waldo County" (H. P. 1734) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Expense of Uniforms of Deputy Sheriffs" (H. P. 1735) (Presented by Mr. Hayward of Machias by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Relating to Weir Fishing in Certain Waters" (H. P. 1736) (Presented by Mr. Prince of Harpswell)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Regulating and Defining Fish Weirs" (H. P. 1737) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Bill "An Act Relating to Portable Sawmills" (H. P. 1738) (Presented by Mr. Hall of Calais)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Primary Wood-Using Portable Sawmills, Spark Arresters and Timber Reports" (H. P. 1739) (Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Parsonsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Improvement, Protection or Preservation of Shade, Forest or Ornamental Trees" (H. P. 1740) (Presented by Mr. Webber of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Take Necessary Means to Control Forest Insects and Diseases" (H. P. 1741) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Savings Banks and Trust Companies" (H. P. 1742) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Unity)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Boats" (H. P. 1743) (Presented by Mr. Jewett of Manchester)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Temperance

Bill "An Act Relating to Application for Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1744) (Presented by Mr. Atherton of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sale of Malt Liquor and Vinous Liquor in Restaurants" (H. P. 1745) (Presented by Mr. Albee of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Definition of Tavern in Liquor Law" (H. P. 1746) (Presented by Mr. Bird of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Publication of Notice of Application for Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1747) (Presented by Mr. DeSanctis of Madison)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sale of Liquor in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 1748) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Regulating Sale of Malt and Malt Syrup" (H. P. 1749) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Revocation of Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1750) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Minors" (H. P. 1751) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Permit Taverns to Sell Wine and Spirits" (H. P. 1752) (Presented by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Bill "An Act Relating to Signs Designating U. S. Highway No. 1 and Maine Turnpike" (H. P. 1753) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Use of Wires or Cables on State Highways" (H. P. 1754) (Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare Tabled

Bill "An Act Relating to Chiropractic Services under the Aid to Dependent Children and Dependents of Veterans' Law" (H. P. 1755) (Presented by Mr. Atherton of Bangor)

(On motion by Mr. Bates of Orono, tabled pending reference to a committee and ordered printed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Transfer of the Department of Institutional Service to Department of Health and Welfare" (H. P. 1756)

(Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Gray of Orrington presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Representatives at the Legislature from the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Tribe of Indians be paid mileage at the same rate as at former sessions of the legislature, and that the Controller be authorized to pay them the compensation by statute. (H. P. 1761)

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. McKeen of Lovell was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. McKEEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Through the courtesy of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, I recently received an ode to Samuel Slosberg, the gentleman who has been of assistance to all of us in drafting our bills. I am asking permission at this time to have the Clerk read this ode, and I am sure you will enjoy it the same as I have.

Ode to the director of legislative research

Wherever the sovereign People reign
O'er the vast expanse of the state
of Maine
Are poisonous ills of which some
complain.
Every two years, when we cast our
votes,
Our candidates promise some anti-
dotes,
Which often mean tax with a
sugar-coat.
The fortunate few whom our votes
elect,
With action in mind begin to re-
flect
On several ills they ought to cor-
rect.

And having determined the worthiest cause,
To win them renown amid public applause
They evolve a plan to enlarge the laws.

With a few rough notes on a half-baked scheme
They pour their demands in a steady stream
On the man who is hired to draft their dream.

The only man good for a sure assist,
Whose mill must grind gold out of dross as grist,
On Bottleneck Sam, the State Alchemist.

Long Sam struggles as deeply he delves
While his files are filled, and then his shelves
By people who seek to express themselves.

He edits this stuff to the last detail
While knowing he labors to no avail,
For nine out of ten of these bills will fail.

Mid paper floods which seem never to cease
Of measures disturbing the public peace
Sam grasps at a straw for his soul's release.

While he works on bills which are doomed to death,
We watch, and surmise what Sam saith,
Way back in his mind and under his breath.

"I am here on call, I will help you all,
Though you waste your time and mine.
I'll apply my skill to devise a bill
To advance your great design.

I will save your face with the populace
By covering up your blunder.
What you try to do, I will see you through,
Or get you out from under.

But there's just one thing to which I shall cling
To loosen my ego's fetters
Though I use my craft to set up your draft
I frown on capital letters.

For it gives me a pain when man is so vain
That he capital-itches house,
As of this I'm sure, that legislature
Is just as small l as louse;

And what's even more, so a governor
Is just what the word imports.
So he rates with me in the minor—
g—
Small c for the council and courts.

Where along the line I detect a sign
That a senator feels his worth
I delete his caps, in the hope perhaps
That he may come down to earth.

And put him in place in the lower-case
Where he belongs by right of birth.
In this unique way I get through the day,
And smile, but restrain my mirth.

Then for two more years with my own ideas
While some new reforms are jelling
"Til again my mill grinds the first new bill
And I can deflate the spelling."

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action taken this morning on Item 29 on the calendar, Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Savings Banks and Trust Companies", H. P. 1742.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown, moves that the House reconsider its action taken earlier this morning whereby Item 29, Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Savings Banks and Trust Companies" H. P. 1742, was referred to the Committee on Taxation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

On motion by Mr. Burgess of Limestone, the Bill was tabled pending the motion of Mr. Brown of Unity that the House reconsider its action whereby the Bill was referred to the Committee on Taxation and the matter was specially assigned for Tuesday, March 1st.

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. McGlauffin from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Facsimile Signatures of Recorders and Clerks of Municipal Courts" (H. P. 1153) (L. D. 553) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1757) under title of "An Act relating to Facsimile Signatures of Judges, Recorders and Clerks of Municipal Courts" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the City of Westbrook School District" (H. P. 749) (L. D. 291) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1758) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Boards of Registration" (H. P. 189) (L. D. 61) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1759) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Brown from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Deputy Register of Deeds and Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds in the county of Cumberland" (H. P. 191) (L. D. 63) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1760) 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 Printed Bills

Mr. Jennings from the Committee on Federal Relations reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Acceptance of Provisions of Federal Law and Federal Grants" (H. P. 826) (L. D. 311)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Interior Waters reported same on Resolve Changing the Name of

Number Three Pond (H. P. 574) (L. D. 172)

Mr. Hobbs from same Committee reported same on Resolve Changing Name of Unity Pond to Lake Winnecook (H. P. 293) (L. D. 81)

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Disability Retirement Benefits in State Retirement System Law" (H. P. 703) (L. D. 249)

Mr. Silsby from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Maine Turnpike Authority" (H. P. 1156) (L. D. 606)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Destruction of Old Records" (H. P. 356) (L. D. 119)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Money Held in Trust for Cemetery Purposes" (H. P. 1154) (L. D. 554)

Mr. Chapman from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Park and Recreation Commission of City of South Portland" (H. P. 1176) (L. D. 596)

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Probate in Cumberland County" (H. P. 714) (L. D. 256)

Reports were read and accepted, and the Bills and Resolves, having already been printed, the Bills were read twice under suspension of the rules, the Resolves read once, and assigned for the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Mr. Atherton from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Hartland School District" (H. P. 1175) (L. D. 630) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1175, L. D. 630, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Hartland School District."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the 3rd line of section 5 thereof after the word "bonds" the words 'or notes'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions in the Motor Vehicle Law" (H. P. 1710) (L. D. 1012)

Was read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Tabled

Bill "An Act Enlarging the Territory of the York Water District" (H. P. 1711) (L. D. 1013)

(On motion by Mr. Campbell of Augusta, tabled pending first reading.)

Bill "An Act to Create the Town of Orland School District" (H. P. 1712) (L. D. 1014)

Was read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal, House Rule No. 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Authorizing Prepayments by the County Treasurer of Somerset County to the Law Library Association for the Purchase of Law Books" (S. P. 204) (L. D. 267)

Bill "An Act relating to Adoption of Neglected Children" (S. P. 209) (L. D. 271)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Number of Trustees for the Maine Maritime Academy" (H. P. 11) (L. D. 2)

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement Fund of State Employees in

Armed Forces" (H. P. 584) (L. D. 189)

Bill "An Act relating to Reemployment Rights of State Employees in Armed Forces" (H. P. 585) (L. D. 190)

Bill "An Act relating to Aid to Dependent Children" (H. P. 697) (L. D. 222)

Bill "An Act relating to Issuing of Licenses for the Carrying of Concealed Weapons" (H. P. 832) (L. D. 317)

Bill "An Act relating to Certificates of Marriage" (H. P. 835) (L. D. 319)

Bill "An Act relating to Vital Statistics" (H. P. 836) (L. D. 320)

Bill "An Act relating to the County Law Library of Piscataquis County" (H. P. 920) (L. D. 372)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for State General Relief" (H. P. 1111) (L. D. 537)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Morancy Pond, in the county of Hancock (S. P. 133) (L. D. 195)

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 and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Granting Powers to Portland University" (H. P. 479) (L. D. 154)

Bill "An Act relating to the Collection, Payment and Dishonor of Demand Items by Banks and the Revocation of Credit for, and Payment of, Such Items" (H. P. 834) (L. D. 333)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Monroe School District" (H. P. 1256) (L. D. 561)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Whitefield School District" (H. P. 1173) (L. D. 629)

Resolve relating to Impounded Bank Accounts of Certain Trust Funds (S. P. 111) (L. D. 136)

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 Commit-

tee Amendment "A", and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, earlier this morning, the gentleman from Lovell (Mr. McKeen) was good enough to commend to the House a poor poem of mine which was written for a small group of friends. I did not know he was going to do it, and I did not hear his opening sentence very distinctly. I should like to be assured that that poem has not gone on the record.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, requests that the poem read at the suggestion of the gentleman from Lovell, Mr. McKeen, be kept for the private information of the House alone.

The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth moves that the poem be expunged from the record. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No," "No.")

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is that the poem be expunged from the record; it is the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, and he requests a division.

All those in favor of the motion will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Four having voted in the affirmative and ninety-five in the negative, the motion does not prevail.

On motion by Mr. Burgess of Limestone, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby "Resolve in favor of the town of Brownfield" (S. P. 496) was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Order Out of Order

Mr. Fitch of Sebago presented the following Order out of order and moved its adoption:

ORDERED, that there be printed 500 additional copies of Bill "An Act Relating to Harness Horse Racing Meets." (S. P. 445) (L. D. 894)

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the 19th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Registration for Amputee Veterans" (H. P. 841) (L. D. 336) tabled on February 24th by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now present House Amendment A," filing No. 41, and move its adoption.

By way of explanation, which I think was touched upon briefly yesterday, I might mention that this amendment amplifies the definition of amputees who are eligible for the benefits of the act to include those who have service-connected disabilities from World War I, and it also carries out the original intent of the act by making it retroactive to January 1st of this year, so that it will be effective this year and not just a nullity.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 841, L. D. 336, Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration for Amputee Veterans."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the 1st paragraph thereof after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined 2nd paragraph thereof after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following underlined paragraph:

'Provided, however, that the secretary of state, on application for registration of any motor vehicle of any amputee veteran who has been

the recipient of an automobile from the United States government under authority of P. L. 663, 79th Congress, as amended, or any amputee veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for service connected disability who shall have a specially designed motor vehicle, and who is otherwise qualified to operate a motor vehicle in this state, shall be entitled to have said automobile so given to him duly registered and a registration certificate delivered to him without the requirement of the payment of any fee.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting, before the last paragraph thereof, the following paragraph:

'Sec. 2. Effective date, refunds. The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1949. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed to make such refunds as may be appropriate to give effect to the provisions of this act.'

On motion by Mr. Chapman, House Amendment "A" was tabled pending adoption.

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease.

At Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

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

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker and Gentleman of the House: I present House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" with apologies and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Chapman, moves to take from the table the amendment which was tabled just before recess. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman now offers House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" The Clerk will read the Amendment:

The CLERK: The amendment has been examined by the Committee on Rules and Business of the House, and the Committee recom-

mends that it be considered by the House without reproduction.

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

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will take just a moment to explain this amendment to the amendment. As it was worded, unless the car was given to the amputee, he did not get the benefit of this bill, so House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" simply strikes out the words "so given to him," so that the amputee will get the benefit of this bill whether the car was given to him or whether he got it some other way.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to House Amendment "A" to H. P. 841, L. D. 336, Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Registration for Amputee Veterans."

Amend said amendment by striking out from the underlined paragraph of the amendment the underlined words 'so given to him.'

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" was adopted.

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

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the 20th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax for Amputee Veterans" (H. P. 862) (L. D. 338) tabled on February 24th by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

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

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now present House Amendment "A" to H. P. 862, L. D. 338, and move its adoption.

This amendment has for its purpose the correction of the two defects which were apparent in the last bill discussed.

The SPEAKER: The same gentleman presents House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 862, L. D. 338, Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax for Amputee Veterans."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the 1st paragraph thereof after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined 2nd paragraph thereof after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following underlined paragraph:

'Provided, however, that no amputee veteran who has been the recipient of an automobile from the United States government under authority of P. L. 663, 79th Congress, as amended, or any amputee veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for service connected disability who shall have a specially designed motor vehicle, and who is otherwise qualified to operate a motor vehicle in this state, shall be required to pay the annual excise tax or be otherwise in any

way taxed for any automobile so received by him.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before the Emergency clause thereof the following paragraph:

'Sec. 2. Effective date; refunds. The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1949. Appropriate officers of cities and towns are hereby authorized and directed to make such refunds as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this act.'

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease pending the sound of the gavel.

At Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Portland, House Amendment "A" to H. P. 862, L. D. 338, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending adoption.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

If there be no further items of business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell of Wilton,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 1, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon.