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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clark of Portland.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, and designates him as Speaker pro tem and requests one of the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to conduct the gentleman to the rostrum.

Thereupon, Mr. Burgess was escorted to the rostrum by the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and assumed the Chair amid the applause of the House. Speaker Haskell then retired.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass Tabled

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Interest Rates of Small Loan Agencies" (S. P. 169) (L. D. 228)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Atherton of Bangor, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report.)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Probation in Sexual Crimes" (S. P. 301) (L. D. 495)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Senate Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Privilege of Newspaper

and Press Association Employees from Disclosing News Sources" (S. P. 57) (L. D. 33) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 592) (L. D. 1249) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WARD of Penobscot
ELA of Somerset

—of the Senate.

Williams of Auburn
SILSBY of Aurora
PAYSON of Union
MUSKIE of Waterville

—of the House

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BARNES of Aroostook

—of the Senate

McGLAULFIN of Portland
BURGESS of Rockland
WOODWORTH of Fairfield

—of the House

Came from the Senate with the Minority Report accepted.

In the House, Mr. Burgess of Rockland moved that the House concur with the Senate in the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" Minority Report.

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Auburn, the two reports with accompanying papers were tabled pending the motion of Mr. Burgess that the House accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report.)

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Bill "An Act Providing That the State of Maine May Become a Party to the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Compact (S. P. 469) (L. D. 921) reporting "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A"

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 469, L. D. 921, Bill "An Act Providing That the State of Maine May Become a Party to the North-eastern Interstate Forest Fire Compact."

Amend said bill by striking out the first paragraph of Sec. 1. and inserting the following;

'The Governor on behalf of this State is hereby authorized to enter into a compact, substantially in the following form, with any one or more of the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont and with such other States of the United States or Provinces of the Dominion of Canada as may legally join therein, and the legislature hereby signifies in advance its approval and ratification of such compact so entered into, such approval and ratification to be effective upon the filing of a copy of such compact in the office of the state secretary.'

Further amend said by striking out in the 2nd, 3rd and 5th line of Sec. 6 "state treasury" and inserting in place thereof 'general fund'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Relating to Taking of Clams, Sand-worms and Blood-worms in Hancock" (H. P. 67) (L. D. 26) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 10th.

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

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the passage of the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

Bills and Resolves

Requiring Reference

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

Claims

Resolve in Favor of Harry Day, of Etna (H. P. 1987) (Presented by Mr. McGown of Carmel by request)
Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Saco" (H. P. 1988) (Presented by Mr. McEnery of Saco)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Relating to the Bangor Water District" (H. P. 1989) (Presented by Mr. Atherton of Bangor by request)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Relating to Quantity in Purchasing Herring" (H. P. 1990) (Presented by Mr. Silsby of Aurora)
(Ordered Printed)

Mr. Johnson of Gardiner was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the Ninety-fourth Legislature: A condition has arisen in Gardiner on one of our small narrow wooden bridges which requires immediate attention. The elements of winter have created a condition which makes the bridge unsafe for anything but limited travel. This was called to my attention last Friday by Mayor Hubbard and I was asked to see what could be done about it. This road is used as a shuttle route from outer Brunswick Avenue to South Gar-

diner and serves sixteen families in the immediate vicinity. School buses, bakery trucks, grocery service and supply trucks use this road daily.

Monday, I spent a great deal of time with the State Highway Department and the Bridge Department to see what could be done. This being a third-class road, I found we could not use State Aid funds and the opening under the bridge being under ten feet, it did not come under the Bridge Department. The Highway Maintenance Division feels it would be false economy to repair and should be replaced by a six-foot corrugated culvert. This necessitates widening the road at this point and a great deal of fill to eliminate a drop in the road to the bridge. Apparently, the only way left open to finance this bridge is to ask unanimous consent of the House to present a resolve at this time to take care of this condition. I might add that Gardiner has no bridge or road resolves in at this session.

SPEAKER, pro tem: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Gardiner (Mr. Johnson) asks unanimous consent for the introduction of a resolve. Is there objection?

The Clerk will read the title.

The **CLERK:** Resolve in favor of the City of Gardiner.

SPEAKER pro tem: Hearing no objection, the resolve has been introduced.

Is it the pleasure of the House that this resolve be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges?

Thereupon the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wight.

Mr. WIGHT: Mr. Speaker, every member of this House has noticed the large quantity of printed material that accumulates on our desks each day. Various kinds of news-

papers and amendments and some of that material is very fine printed matter. I have one here in my hand, a very fine book gotten up in nice style with nice pictures and printed matter in it and there are many of those books. I notice a great many of those books accumulate in the wastebaskets after the sessions. We seem to be fairly happy in this House and are having a good time—we can't always agree but still I think we are having a good time—but I think we must remember that there are others, at least thousands of people in hospitals and in our institutions here. I have just talked with the Clerk of the House. He says that he can make arrangements for a place where these can be put if people want to donate them to these hospitals. I am sure I would be very glad to take my car occasionally and deliver those books if that is the way they should be transported to the hospitals and I recommend to each member that if he has any of these books or any reading matter that he thinks would be of interest to those folks that he take them into the Clerk's office.

SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair inquires from the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wight, whether or not his statement is in the form of a suggestion or a motion.

Mr. WIGHT: Mr. Speaker, that is just a suggestion.

SPEAKER pro tem: Thank you, Mr. Wight.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve, Authorizing State of Maine to Purchase Armory at Lewiston (H. P. 1864) (L. D. 1208) reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Webber from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Providing Vocational Rehabilitation for Sanatoriums" (H. P. 1863) (L. D. 1207)

Mr. Atherton from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act to Create the Town

of Belgrade School District" (H. P. 1876) (L. D. 1254)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Library reported same on Resolve, for the purchase of One Hundred Copies of "The History of Sumner and Hartford" (H. P. 1511)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Benn from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Conservation of Christmas Trees" (H. P. 1889) (L. D. 1217)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Portable Sawmills" (H. P. 1738) (L. D. 1092)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Webber from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Bill "An Act Relating to Slash, Brush and Debris Disposal" (H. P. 1804) (L. D. 1146) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1991) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the joint rules.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Palmer from the Committee on Library reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve, for the Purchase of Two Hundred Copies of "The Length and Breadth of Maine" (H. P. 927)

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve ordered printed under the joint rules.

**Ought to Pass
Printed Bills**

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the Department of Forestry Due to Insufficient Appropriations" (H. P. 1904) (L. D. 1269)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Maine Publicity reported same on Resolve, for the Development and Improvement of Baxter State Park (H. P. 840) (L. D. 322)

Mr. Carle from the Committee on Motor Vehicles reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Stop Signs at Multi-entrance Intersections" (H. P. 1406) (L. D. 765)

Mr. Hobbs from the same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Protect the Blind and Incapacitated Pedestrians on Public Streets and Highways" (H. P. 1728) (L. D. 1083)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Stop Intersections" (H. P. 1409) (L. D. 768)

Mr. Jones from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Lights on Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1514) (L. D. 856)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Parking in Dangerous Places" (H. P. 1407) (L. D. 766)

Mr. Plummer from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Pedestrians on Ways" (H. P. 705) (L. D. 251)

Mr. Hayward from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported same on Bill "An Act Concerning the Improvement, Protection or Preservation of Shade, Forest or Ornamental Trees" (H. P. 1740) (L. D. 1094)

Mr. Leavitt from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Extinguishing Forest Fires by Backfiring" (H. P. 1916) (L. D. 1278)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills and Resolve, having already been printed, the Bills were read twice under suspension of the rules, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment
Tabled**

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve, in Favor of State Military Defense Commission (H.

P. 812) (L. D. 309) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

(On motion by Mr. Jennings of Strong, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report.)

Mr. Hayes from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to the Right of Eminent Domain for Municipalities for Recreational Purposes" (H. P. 1510) (L. D. 808) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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. 1510, L. D. 808, Bill "An Act Relating to the Right of Eminent Domain of Municipalities for Recreational Purposes."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the 10th line of section 1 thereof after the word "squares" the underlined words 'for parking facilities for motor vehicles, or other vehicles'.

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end of section 1 thereof the following underlined sentence: **'The right of eminent domain in the taking for the purpose of parking facilities for motor vehicles or other vehicles or for recreation centers shall not extend to the taking of any of the property or facilities of any public service corporation or district used or acquired for future use by the owner thereof in the performance of a public duty unless expressly authorized by subsequent act of the Legislature.'**

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water Company" (S. P. 120) (L. D. 141)

Bill "An Act relating to Parolees

from Reformatory for Men" (S. P. 427) (L. D. 785)

Bill "An Act relating to Paroled and Discharged Prisoners from State Prison" (S. P. 429) (L. D. 783)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Trustees of the Gray Water District" (S. P. 463) (L. D. 915)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Tabled

Bill "An Act Creating a Merit Award Board to Encourage and Reward Efficiency and Economy in State Government" (S. P. 537) (L. D. 1069)

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

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Wayne, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Resolve Providing for Completion of Medical and Surgical Building at the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 157) (L. D. 225)

Resolve to Provide for a Pollen and Fungus Survey of Maine (S. P. 385) (L. D. 649)

Resolve in favor of Frank D. Miller, of Orland (H. P. 454) (L. D. 1349)

Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Bangor State Hospital (H. P. 632) (L. D. 1350)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

At this point, Speaker Haskell resumed the Chair and the Speaker pro tem, Mr. Burgess, was conducted to his seat on the floor amid the applause of the House.

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.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, notes the presence in the

balcony of the Hall of the House of the Eighth Grade of the Lincoln School in Augusta in charge of Mrs. George McDonough. On behalf of the House, we bid you welcome. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to read to the House, at this time, the following telegram. It is addressed to the Waterville Panthers, Boston Garden, Care of Coach Wally Donovan, Boston, Massachusetts.

Maine is proud of her State Champs. Tonight thousands of your fans will be cheering from the sidelines. You truly represent the Pine Tree State. Your fast, hard play and sportsmanship will see you through. Best of luck.

(Signed)

Frederick G. Payne,
Governor of Maine
Burton M. Cross,
President of the Senate
Nathaniel M. Haskell,
Speaker of the House

(Applause)

Passed to be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Authorizing the Trustees of the University of Maine to Convey Certain Land in the City of Old Town and in Town of Chapman (S. P. 149) (L. D. 205)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 98 voted in favor of same and none against.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

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

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, moves that when the vote is taken, it be taken by the yeas and nays. In order for the vote to be taken by the yeas and nays it requires the

consent of one-fifth of the members present.

As many as are in favor of having the vote taken by the yeas and nays will kindly rise.

A sufficient number arose.

The SPEAKER: Obviously, more than one-fifth of the members having arisen, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The question before the House is on the passage of Bill "An Act Authorizing the Trustees of the University of Maine to Convey Certain Land in the City of Old Town and in Town of Chapman" (S. P. 149) (L. D. 205). As many as are in favor of the passage of the bill as an Emergency Measure will say aye when the Clerk calls the roll; those opposed will say No. The Clerk will call the roll.

YEA — Ames, Arthur, Atherton, Bearce, Benn, Bennett, Berry, Boothby, Boulter, Brown, Baileyville; Brown, Durham; Brown, Robinson; Brown, Unity; Brown, Wayne; Bubar, Bucknam, Burgess, Limestone; Campbell, Augusta; Campbell, Garland; Campbell, Guilford; Carle, Carter, Carville, Chaples, Chapman, Chase, Chute, Clapp, Clements, Cobb, Cook, Cormier, Cyr, Dennett, DeSanctis, Dostie, Lewiston; Dostie, Winslow; Dow, Dudley, Dufresne, Dunham, Faas, Farley, Fay, Fitch, Fuller, Gates, Gauthier, Gauvin, Gerrish, Grant, Hall, Hanson, Hayes, Hayward, Hill, Hobbs, Acton; House, Jacobs, Jalbert, Jamieson, Jennings, Jewett, Johnson, Johnston, Jones, Kelly, Kent, Knapp, Labbe, Lacharite, Lackee, Larrabee, Westbrook; Loughton, Leavitt, Lessard, Letourneau, Littlefield, Longstaff, Malenfant, Marble, Marsans, Martin, Augusta; Martin, Eagle Lake; Martin, Frenchville; Maxell, Maxwell, McClure, McEnery, McGlauffin, McGown, McKeen, Merrill, Merritt, Millett, Muskie, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Dell, Paine, Palmer, Parker, Patterson, Payson, Philbrick, Phillips, Plummer, Prince, Pullen, Ricker, Robbins, Roundy, Sanborn, Sanderson, Sharpe, Spear, Spring, Stanley, Stevens, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson. Brewer; Tyler, Webber, White, Auburn; Wight, Bangor; Williams, Auburn; Williams, Topsham; Winchenpaw, Woodworth, Wormwood.

ABSENT—Albee, Bates, Bird, Brown, Bangor; Burgess, Rockland; Castonguay, Cole, Dorsey, Duquette, Eastman, Foley, Gray, Hobbs, So. Ber-

wick; Larrabee, Bath; Latno, Ludwig, Sargent, Silsby, St. Pierre.

YEA—131.

NAY—0.

ABSENT—19.

The **SPEAKER**: One hundred thirty-one having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, nineteen being absent, the bill is passed to be enacted and will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax for Amputee Veterans (H. P. 862) (L. D. 338)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. One hundred twenty-nine voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Licenses for Amputee Veterans (H. P. 929) (L. D. 402)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. One hundred twenty-seven voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure Recommended

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Otisfield School District (H. P. 1169) (L. D. 625)

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

On motion by Mr. Atherton of Bangor, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed and, on fur-

ther motion by the same gentleman, the Bill with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Emergency Measure Recommitted

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Corinth School District (H. P. 1259) (L. D. 558)

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

On motion by Mr. Atherton of Bangor, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the Bill with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act Relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes (H. P. 1586) (L. D. 908)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. One hundred twenty-nine voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Finally Passed Emergency Measure

Resolve Providing Funds to Augment Institutional Appropriations (S. P. 418) (L. D. 775)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. One hundred twenty-seven voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be

enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to take up an additional enactor not on the calendar?

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Freeport Sewer District (H. P. 1069) (L. D. 475)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. One hundred twenty-five voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act Relating to Advisory Committee on Budget (S. P. 52) (L. D. 32)

An Act Relating to the Madison Water District and the Anson Water District (S. P. 62) (L. D. 38)

An Act Relating to County and Local Agricultural Societies (S. P. 63) (L. D. 46)

An Act Amending the Charter of the Skowhegan Water Company (S. P. 213) (L. D. 275)

An Act Relating to Railroad Crossing Signs (S. P. 214) (L. D. 276)

An Act Relating to Process Against Unauthorized Insurers (S. P. 432) (L. D. 926)

An Act Liberalizing the Beneficiary Limitation on Fraternal Insurance (H. P. 582) (L. D. 180)

An Act Relating to Transfer of Certificates of Motor Vehicles for Hire (H. P. 660) (L. D. 217)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Enactor Recommitted

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Winthrop School District (H. P. 1258) (L. D. 559)

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

On motion by Mr. Atherton of Bangor, the House voted, under suspension of the rules, to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the Bill with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

An Act Relating to Funds of the Examining Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration (H. P. 1573) (L. D. 896)

An Act Assigning Counsel in Cases Punishable by Imprisonment (H. P. 1922) (L. D. 1263)

An Act Permitting Public Library Corporations and Maine Municipal Association to Participate in State Employees' Retirement System (H. P. 1923) (L. D. 1264)

Finally Passed

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Freeman (S. P. 196) (L. D. 1066)

Resolve to Repeal State Pension for Myrtle Ingalls of Anson (S. P. 229) (L. D. 1065)

Resolve to Repeal State Pension for Joseph Duperry of Fairfield (S. P. 230) (L. D. 1064)

Resolve to Repeal State Pension for Fred Jacques of Van Buren (S. P. 231) (L. D. 1063)

Resolve in Favor of the Central Maine Sanatorium, at Fairfield (S. P. 417) (L. D. 777)

Resolve, Providing for Purchase and Installation of Heating Equipment at the State School for Boys (S. P. 419) (L. D. 776)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, "Resolve Proposing

an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election" (H. P. 51) (L. D. 14) tabled on March 9th by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, pending second reading.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of L. D. 14, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, moves indefinite postponement of the resolve.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, in explanation of the motion which I will make very shortly, I would like to read to you from the record of yesterday:

"Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is not my intention to stop anybody from expressing their opinion, but I did not come down here to get out of a committee around 10:30 and wait for a bus until 1:25 to go home and get up at six o'clock to come back over, and just sit here and waste our time when we know how we are going to vote on my bill or any bill.**I am not speaking now as a Republican or Democrat. I was elected on the Democratic ticket, and I am down here to serve," and so forth.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question and ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, moves the previous question. In order for the Chair to entertain the motion for the previous question, it requires the consent of one-third of the members present.

As many as are in favor of the entertainment by the Chair of the motion for the previous question will kindly rise and remain standing until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Obviously more than one-third of the members

present having arisen, the previous question is ordered.

The question now before the House is: Shall the main question be put now?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is: Shall the main question be put now? The gentleman is in order to debate that point if he so desires.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I had in my remarks here as the first note—and it is still here—"Previous question." That was to explain that at any time during my remarks anybody who wanted to move the previous question could rise and I would yield to them and go along with them. True, it is not my intention to sit here on my bill or anybody else's bill for an hour and a half or two or three hours at any time; but the very fact I moved that previous question yesterday does not necessarily mean that nobody is to speak on anything. It has never been my intention at any time to be discourteous to anybody, as you all know, because yesterday when I moved the previous question it actually was stopping from speaking a gentleman for whom I have a great deal of respect. He was my friend before I moved the previous question and he is my friend today.

Consequently, Mr. Speaker, not being as well versed in parliamentary procedure as I could be or should be, I move that you reconsider, and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, does not prevail. If not, I definitely intend to ask for unanimous consent to address the House.

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

Mr. McGLAUFFIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I want to state that while you well know my attitude on this bill I want to see fair play done in this House. I do not think it is fair to steam-roll a bill through this Leg-

islature in the way that is suggested this morning. I want to see every opponent of mine have a right to speak, and I hope that the motion to cut him off does not prevail. I think it is not fair. You would not want to be used that way if you were in the minority. Give a man a right to speak and speak as he sees fit, and then vote accordingly. Do not steam-roll this measure through in this way.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is: Shall the main question be put now?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. McClure.

Mr. McCLURE: Mr. Speaker, because one member of this House moved the previous question and in retaliation another man does the same, that does not make it right. Two wrongs never make a right. I believe we should vote against the motion for the previous question.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is: Shall the main question be put now?

As many as are in favor of the main question being put now will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the main question was not ordered.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, frankly I have a little temper but I will carry on with the bill anyway and let sleeping dogs lie.

I would like at the outset to state this; Councilor Dow saw Judge McGlaulin come into the House this morning with a blue necktie. Somebody went down and bought him a green necktie, and somebody provided him with a green handkerchief. I wish the Judge would stand up a moment and let them see that necktie. (Applause)

Frankly, the only reason I am speaking on this bill today is because I want to talk a little politics. It is a strange subject to me, but I will waste a couple of minutes on it if you will bear with me.

I want to discuss both political parties. I want to prove to you that when I say that this bill is an econ-

omy measure and when I say parties should not be tied to it, as your National Republican Committeeman attempted to do, it is not so.

Now you people here in the majority have 126 members in this branch; you have 28 on the other side of the alley. We have 25 here and 5 over there. But bear this one thing in mind and think it over, because when you persist in going along with your candidates for office who are going to preach economy during the campaign and forget it after the campaign and when you stop the people from having a referendum when you know the people want to vote on this bill, some day it is going to catch up with you.

As far as my own party is concerned, I have worked along with many others for the Democratic party. Sometimes it is really discouraging, because I will tell you now that it does not make any difference if we vote in June, July, August or September, as long as we, the Democrats, persist in forgetting and pocketing our petty jealousies, as long as we persist in not wanting to organize, as long as we persist in not having full tickets instead of three or four partially full tickets and seven or eight without a ticket or without a candidate, we won't cause any trouble anyway. And that is why I have been criticized by my own party.

I want to state now that we have some new blood in our party. I want to state now that we have a women's division; we have a national committeeman and a national committeewoman who are really on their toes working for our party, and I know that evil will be corrected.

The trouble with Maine is both parties. The Democratic Party, by its failure to organize, has brought about a lackadaisical attitude within the Republican Party to the point where you do not have a program when you come in here; you formulate it gradually. And I know that if we have a Democratic caucus somebody is going to talk

somewhere somehow—they cannot be blamed for that—and there might leak out in conversation one or two words. Last night I did not have to ask anybody how you made out, because I could see them straggling into the Augusta House, one by one. The Democratic Party here today in Augusta is the strongest organized group, and you cannot deny that one.

Mrs. Smith was brought into this picture. It gave us a great deal of publicity; it was a fine thing for Maine; and my good friend, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, did make the remark that somebody in Washington told him that in Maine we grew men; but from the way this little lady ran roughshod over three men I think we grow pretty good women.

Here are her own words. This was in Newsweek and in Life and on the front page of every paper in the country. We got this publicity through her. Here are her words:

“... I've had to learn the new ropes in the Senate—and I'll probably be doing this for many months if not years. I've been deluged with radio, television and speaking requests. Some try to make me feel good by saying that it is because I'm popular. But I'm realistic enough to know that it is because I'm an oddity. People just want to see what a woman Senator looks like—they don't want to see me particularly.”

Now whatever publicity value we gained by having her win and having her picture in every magazine in the country, she took that publicity right away.

As far as this bill is concerned, I am not at liberty to quote Margaret Chase Smith—Senator Smith, I mean—but I know her feelings about this bill and you know her feelings also.

I appreciate the fact that this bill originally went as far as it has now because many of you extended me the courtesy. I will state that publicly, and I will state the reason why. It was because I knew the people's reaction

on this thing. As far as letters and endorsements and telephone calls and telegrams, I could keep you here until next week. Your own party, if the truth be known, would go along with this bill. This bill calls for a referendum to the people. I am not going to rehash the arguments.

Just go along with this thought, please: If you think that this bill would help the Democratic Party, for the Lord's sake—and I say it publicly—if we won't help ourselves, will you help us? Let's put it on that basis. And bear in mind also that it makes no difference right now where we vote, because you can check the record and get this one: For ten years, since the last Democratic Governor, if every member of the House and every member of the Senate had won we still would not have had a majority. So why are you afraid of it?

I want to thank you for your courtesy in extending to me the privilege of speaking to you. I want to assure you that as far as the previous question is concerned, at any time I become boring you can check me, and any time anybody else is boring I will check them. Thank you.

I move now that the bill be given its second reading.

The **SPEAKER**: The question before the House is upon the motion of the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, that the Resolve be indefinitely postponed and the gentleman has asked for a division.

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

Mr. **MUSKIE**: Mr. Speaker, I trust that I will not try anybody's patience unduly this morning. I think there are some things that ought to be said about this bill and I hope that you members will listen to me, and if I can rely upon the precedent of your courtesy in the past, I know that you will.

Here is a bill that has some real merit. There have been many ideas advanced in proposing it. One of them that occurs to me as I speak is that our separate election date

brings to the state a half million dollars' worth of publicity. Now, let's be honest with ourselves. In what way does that value accrue to the state? Do people come to our State to enjoy our vacation land facilities because we vote in September? Do new industries come into the State and locate here because we vote in September? Do people throughout the country import Maine products because we vote in September? I think the answers to those questions are obvious. The answer is "No." In what way do we gain this half million dollars' worth of publicity?

It has been suggested that in some mysterious way the fact that we vote in September causes us to raise men of unusual caliber, men who have influence in our nation's affairs out of proportion to the size of our State. I say that we do an injustice to these men in suggesting that is the reason they have influence. They have influence because of their innate high character and merit, not because we in this State vote in September.

Another argument that has been advanced for this September election date is two-fold in its nature. It states first that this September election permits us to debate state issues apart from national issues. It is said that this permits us to educate our people in state issues. In theory, that is a fine argument, but let us examine it as a realistic proposition.

You members will remember that two years ago the proponents for emergency taxation in this House, in this Legislature, almost literally sweat blood in an attempt to enact emergency tax legislation. The pressure was terrific, and you who were here will remember it. The proponents of such legislation told us that the State's affairs were facing bankruptcy. The proponents of such legislation were defeated. There was their opportunity to educate the people of this state; there was their opportunity to take their case to the people. There

were the issues ready-made—emergency—for the next State campaign.

Do I have to tell you that those issues did not see the light of day again until this January? A month before election day, what did we get? We got the then Governor's financial report, glowing with optimism; the State's finances were never in better shape. Were the people led to believe that they were faced with a financial crisis, or that they could look forward to two years of no more new taxes? They were told that our affairs had been well-managed; there were no problems that needed discussion in a State campaign.

Now I ask you: In the face of that record of just the last State election, isn't it ridiculous to say that the value of that election is in its opportunity to take the people to our State issues? You and I know that the only reason the proponents of the separate election day want that separate election is because they want it to act as a barometer of the nation's political leaning—and as a barometer it has failed miserably, but they still want to hang onto it, and, in order to justify it as a national barometer, it is necessary to discuss national issues, not state issues. National speakers are brought into this State. Our own candidates for national office are elected in September, not in November. Do they discuss state issues? Their job is in Congress; their job has to do with our nation's domestic affairs, with our foreign policy, and it is those issues they discuss in our September State campaign.

Members, if we want a separate State election for the purpose of educating our people on state issues, we will have to take it out of a national election year and not keep it two months ahead of the national election.

A majority of you members, a few weeks ago, upheld this bill on its merits. I saw the majority floor leader rise in support of this bill. I saw the assistant majority floor leader rise in support of this bill.

Are they going to tell me, today, that, because the Republican National Committeeman came right up into Augusta the next day, they now feel the bill has no merit? If they vote in opposition to this bill, I am going to draw that conclusion, and I think the people of Maine will be justified in drawing a similar conclusion.

I indicated at the start of this session that we were only twenty-five Democrats, that we were willing to come here and discuss the various measures that came before us on their merits. Until this day, we have not drawn the party line on a single measure. We have discussed bills on their merits, voted on bills on their merits. We have not voted as a bloc on anything. Now, today, we are faced with the suggestion by the majority party—which can have its will at any time because of its numbers—we are faced with the suggestion that we must vote on this bill on party lines.

I am asking you members, if a few weeks ago you felt this bill had merit, for Heaven's sake vote on what you then thought was right on its merits and not what you now think is right for political reasons.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, and the gentleman has requested a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay, Mr. Stevens.

Mr. STEVENS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have yet to hear a sound argument against this bill. I have listened to the pros and cons of the measure, and I can not draw one sound argument in opposition to it. I feel that if we legislators are sheep we will be guided in our voting.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe I am a good Republican. I believe that I have stood for the principles of the Republican Party ever

since I was big enough to know what those principles were, and I shall continue to support my Republican Party when I think they are right, but when I think that party is wrong, it is my duty as a citizen of the State of Maine to stand up and condemn that party.

We have seen in Washington, during the past few years, some things that make us, as citizens of this country, burn within. Only this last week or more, we have seen taking place in Washington a move to impede progressive legislation, and, as citizens of this country, are we going to tolerate that kind of stuff, and, as members of this Legislature and citizens of Maine, are we going to tolerate it here in the highest legislative body that there is in this State?

This morning it makes me ashamed to stand up here as a Republican and see the move that was taken in this House. We believe in free speech; we believe in seeing every issue discussed. If that is the principle, then let's see that it is discussed and discussed thoroughly, so that when we pass legislation, it will be the type of legislation that the people of the State of Maine want.

Now I have travelled the State. I have talked with town officials and I have talked with citizens, and they say, "What is the matter with our Legislature that they will not pass a measure of this type?"

Now we speak of economy. Do we want economy or are we just shadow-boxing here? Here is a measure that has been presented before us two or three times, and there is no one who can deny but that it will bring economy. What is it? It is nothing but a party issue: "As goes Maine, so goes the Nation." That might have been all right thirty years ago, but has it kept pace with the times? Now we know, "As goes Maine, so goes Vermont."

Now let us take those things into consideration. Let us stand up and do the right thing here. Our government was founded on a two-party system. Let us maintain that

standard or let us go back to the type of government that they had, and we have seen, overseas, where no minority party can get on the party ticket. We have seen that in the past few years when ninety-nine percent of the people have voted to maintain in power a dictator and the opposition stands no opportunity to get on the ballot and be voted on by the people.

It is a crime, members of this House, for anything like this to go out to the citizens of Maine at this time. So I trust, as a Republican and as a citizen of Maine, that the motion of our Majority Floor Leader—and when I say this I feel that I am going to be censured—I know that ever since I have been in this House I have been labeled as a radical, but they can place that “radical” on me, for you are going to find that I will be standing up for what I consider is right; I am going to be standing for what I consider is justice—so I hope that the motion of the Majority Floor Leader in this House does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, that the resolve be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Republican Members of the House: Let there be no doubt in the minds of any of you. This IS a party measure. When this bill originally came in, we did not feel it necessary to acclaim it as a party measure at the time, knowing that there is another body in the further end of this building that acts as a clearing house.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Republican Party, let us kill our own skunks. If any of you have a doubt as to whether or not this is a party measure, let me read to you the remarks of Doctor Scolten, Democratic Candidate for the United States Senate:

“The September voting date is out of step with the rest of the Nation’s voting habits. My own

Maine campaign for a seat in the United States Senate was so much ahead of that of the rest of the Country that I received no financial help, no helping speakers, from Washington or other states, and I had to work too much alone. After the Maine election was all over, then the issues became better known.

“If Maine had its election in November, as I believe all other states do, then the National Committee of the Democratic party would have more time to get organized. . . .” I will not bother to read it through. That is over the signature of Adrian H. Scolten, M.D., of Portland.

May I point out to each and every person here that a two-party system is wonderful, but let none of us get the idea that we are bigger than the party? I hope that you will seriously consider this and vote favorably on the motion that has been made.

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, he having asked for a division, will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had. Eighty-eight having voted in the affirmative and thirty-eight in the negative, the motion prevailed, and the resolve was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I know we have heard a prayer today, but, this being St. Patrick’s Day, I think another prayer is in order:

Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord! How Long! How Long!

The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. McGLAUFFIN: Mr. Speaker, I merely want to say, Members of the House, that an attempt was made on the part of Councilor Dow and Mr. Jalbert to turn a Scotch-

man into an Irishman, hence the green tie. Thanks to the gentleman who is on the Council, Mr. Dow. The handkerchief comes from a lady in the Clerk's room. I thank them both. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, relative to the committee of the whole.

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, since I made this motion, yesterday, it has come to my attention that some people entertain certain misgivings regarding the purpose of this motion. There are apparently those who fear that out of this committee of the whole procedure there might come something in the nature of a decisive action which could conceivably embarrass certain committees which have before them certain bills.

It was my intention that this discussion on educational policy should be informative and in no sense directive. In order to remove any possible misapprehension regarding the purpose behind the suggestion for a discussion of educational matters, I shall be glad to withdraw my motion, upon the understanding which has been suggested as an alternative that tomorrow morning, when the House convenes, we have an informal discussion of the whole House on the same subject. In such an informal discussion there could be no possibility of any action which would in any way appear to direct any committee. I, therefore, ask the permission of the House to withdraw the motion upon that understanding. It was also said to me that Friday would be a bad day for discussion. I suggested Friday because I am told that the time has now come when Friday should be considered as a full business day for this House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase) wishes to withdraw his motion of yesterday. The motion has been withdrawn.

The Chair will state, however, that the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase) is correct in his understanding, and if he so sees fit tomorrow morning to move that the House recess for the purpose of consideration of these matters, the Chair will then entertain a motion.

The gentleman is further correct also in his interpretation that it is desirable, even though the morning may be Friday, that the members be in attendance.

The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The Representative from Winterport, the Honorable Mr. Foley, has asked me to present to you for the town of Searsport, which is in his legislative district, a request for unanimous consent for the introduction of a bill.

In explanation of that request, may I state that the act is designed to validate the legal affairs of the Congregational Society's church in the town of Searsport. It appears that over a period of years their record has gradually become so poor that it is now considered to be invalid. With that explanation I would ask unanimous consent to introduce, at this time, a bill which will clarify and validate the interests and holdings of that particular church.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, presents a bill and requests unanimous consent for its introduction.

The Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: (reading) Bill, "An Act to Ratify and Make Valid the Incorporation of Second Congregational Society of Searsport Harbor in Searsport, Maine."

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the reception of the bill?

The Chair hears none, and it has been received by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Burgess, the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

The gentleman from Van Buren, Mr. O'Connell, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. O'CONNELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to present a bill to amend the charter of the Van Buren Light and Power District.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Van Buren, Mr. O'Connell, presents a bill and requests unanimous consent for its introduction.

The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: (reading) Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Van Buren Light and Power District."

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the reception of the bill?

The Chair hears none, and it has been received by unanimous consent.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. O'Connell, the bill was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Early in January, I had two resolves in favor of the town of Cumberland, road resolves, and according to my notes and my best recollection, I deposited those resolves, but somewhere it seems as though they did not get through. I didn't realize this until we got the register and found that they were not listed. I suppose the committee had so much business on hand that it did not get to my resolves. When I noticed that, I made some inquiries as to what had become of them—of course it is possible it was my own

fault. Anyway, since they did not get in, I would like consent to introduce them at this time, two road resolves, in favor of the town of Cumberland.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow, presents two resolves and requests unanimous consent to introduce them. The Clerk will read the titles.

The CLERK: (reading) Resolve in Favor of the town of Cumberland, Resolve in Favor of the town of Cumberland.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the reception of the resolves? The Chair hears none and the resolves have been received by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Dow, the resolves were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabbed and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Taking Clams in Town of Friendship" (H. P. 1669), tabled on February 23rd by Mr. Bird of Rockland, pending reference; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will take the liberty to explain, for the benefit of the members, that on this particular item that was just handled, if you will examine your calendar, you will find that it was tabled on February 23rd by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Bird. The gentleman who moved to take it from the table was not the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Bird. However, he did get permission from that gentleman to remove it, and that is the reason that it was taken from the table. This is not the customary procedure in this House. Ordinarily, a matter on the table is not taken off by any other member than the person who did table it.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Garland, Mr. Campbell.

On motion by Mr. Campbell, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-seventh tabled and unassigned matter, Joint Order relating to list of State Employees, with their Salaries, tabled on March 16th by that gentleman pending the motion of the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Thompson, that the order be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. House.

Mr. HOUSE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am asking you to vote "No" on the motion of the gentleman from Brewer (Mr. Thompson) to indefinitely postpone the order which I presented yesterday morning, and for this reason: I am going to offer two amendments which I believe will be satisfactory to everyone.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. House, offers House Amendment "A" to Joint Order, House Paper 1986, and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to Joint Order H. P. 1986, Re Salary Lists.

Amend said order by adding at the end thereof the following: 'and it is further ordered that said lists be distributed, two to each member of the Senate and House and Council, one to each officer of the Senate and House, 10 each to the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House for exchange purposes, 20 to the State Library for exchange purposes, and the balance to be sold by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House at a price representing cost of preparation and printing to be determined by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.'

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A"?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Thompson.

Mr. THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The last two years I have seen this list of salaries laid on the desk. Now, it costs five hundred dollars to print this list, two copies for each member of the House, and as far as I can make out, they use these to send around for curiosity purposes, Loan and Building Associations, the tax collectors and what-not. I, myself, personally, think that the Clerk of the House could mimeograph a certain number of copies to go to the Salaries and Fees Committee and save that five hundred dollars.

Now, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Lincoln, (Mr. House) does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. McClure.

Mr. McCLURE: Mr. Speaker, after witnessing the services for two sessions of our Clerk I think we might kill him. I do not think we should do that.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A"?

House Amendment "A" was thereupon adopted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. House, presents House Amendment "B" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "B".

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to Joint Order H. P. 1986, Re Salary Lists.

Amend said order by striking out the figure "1500" and inserting in place thereof '1000'.

House Amendment "B" was then adopted.

Mr. THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that the vote be taken by a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Thompson, requests that, when the vote is taken on his motion that the order be indefinitely postponed, it be taken by a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Thompson, that the order be indefinitely postponed will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had.

Mr. THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. THOMPSON: To address the House, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Three having voted in the affirmative and ninety-five having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone the order does not prevail.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Thompson.

Mr. THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker, I wish permission to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Thompson, requests unanimous consent to address the House. Is there objection? The Chairman hears none and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker, the reason why I wished to indefinitely postpone this order is that I thought we were sent here to save money as much as we could, but I see by the people that stood up that they want to spend it instead of save it. That is about all I want to say.

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

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

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

On motion by Mr. Chapman, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the Senate Report "Ought

not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Assistant County Attorneys for Cumberland County" (S. P. 206) (L. D. 269)

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker, as a preliminary to my next motion, I would like to say just a word or two. I have prepared an amendment to that bill which, although germane to the subject matter, changes the force of it. I have discussed the matter with the Committee Chairmen, and they seem to be agreeable to receiving the bill again for further consideration. With that explanation, I make the motion that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Chapman, moves that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

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

Notices read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: Before adjournment, the Chair once again wishes to call the attention of the members to the fact that tomorrow, Friday morning, there will be an important discussion in this House, and it is absolutely necessary that the maximum number of members be available.

On motion by Mr. McEneary of Saco,

Adjourned until 10.00 o'clock tomorrow morning.